

Liberals back Steel's bid to merge parties

'Gulf' admitted between the Alliance leaders

By Philip Webster, Chief Political Correspondent

Mr David Steel was given outright backing by senior Liberal party officers last night for his proposals for merging the Liberal and Social Democratic parties.

Leaders of the national, Welsh, Scottish and parliamentary Liberal parties met Mr Steel in his room at the House of Commons and supported his plans for "democratic fusion" of both parties.

But they agreed that the matter must be handled with considerable sensitivity because of the opposition among senior members of the SDP, including Dr David Owen, to a merger and the way SDP leaders feel they are being

rushed into a decision by Mr Steel.

In an attempt to soothe tempers in the SDP Mr Steel yesterday published his plans which he said showed no one was trying to "take over" the SDP.

Last night he was planning to talk on the telephone to Dr

Owen about procedures for discussing a merger.

He was told by party officers at the meeting that there was broad support in the Liberal Party for the plan, subject to full consultation leading to decisions by the annual party assembly in the autumn for a ballot.

Despite the attempt to cool the rift, Mr Steel yesterday frankly admitted the philosophical and strategic gulf between him and Dr Owen over the way the election campaign was fought.

He presented a memorandum to Liberal Party officers in which he said that the Alliance's dual leadership had contributed to its setback.

Mr Steel said that if either he or Dr Owen had been running the campaign as single leaders it would have had both a sharper image and strategy.

Mr Steel said: "David Owen, I think, would have wished a more assertive, balance-of-power, coalition focus, while I would have

preferred a clear anti-Thatcher non-socialist alternative."

Before the meeting he had issued a statement in response to suggestions from the SDP that he had been trying to railroad them into a merger.

He said: "No one is trying to bounce anybody into anything and there is no cause for acrimony between the two halves of our Alliance."

The SDP on Monday postponed discussions on a merger for two weeks.

But his admission of the differences of emphasis between himself and the SDP leader over election strategy was the clearest sign of the direction Mr Steel thinks a merged Alliance under his leadership should move.

As *The Times* reported on Monday, and Mr Steel has since confirmed, he would be a candidate to lead the merged parties.

In referring to Dr Owen's preference for a balance of power coalition focus, Mr Steel was putting his finger on what Liberal strategists regarded as one of the weaknesses in the Alliance campaign: Dr Owen's readiness to do a deal with a Thatcher-led Conservative government.

One of the main mid-campaign biccups was when Mr Steel had to back down at Dr Owen's insistence on a statement that he would not work with Mrs Thatcher.

Arguing against continuing with two leaders, Mr Steel said that because of the trend towards presidential-style elections in Britain, he and Dr Owen had decided to reduce the other's impact by 50 per cent.

Maintaining separate organizations, each with its own officers and membership while agreeing a joint leader, could be made to work but only at the expense of considerable duplication of time and effort.

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The Princess of Wales sporting a cream suit and hat yesterday at the opening of Royal Ascot. (Photograph: Roger Bamber). Ascot fashion, page 24.

Tebbit's top aide to resign

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Mr Michael Dobbs, chief of staff to Mr Norman Tebbit, the chairman of the Conservative Party, will resign his post shortly.

Mr Dobbs, aged 38, one of the chief architects of the Tories' 101-seat electoral triumph, told *The Times* that he would be stepping down once he had made arrangements for a smooth hand-over.

Mr Dobbs said that it had always been understood that his duties at Central Office would end after the election.

Mr Dobbs, a graduate of Christ Church College, Oxford, and Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston, United States, worked for Saatchi and Saatchi between 1979 and 1981 and remains a non-executive director of the Conservative Party's advertising agency.

Mr Dobbs was intimately involved in the planning and execution of the Tory election campaign and its advertising.

He dismissed attacks on the campaign as wide of the mark. Insufficient credit had been given to the preparatory work done in the months leading up to the election, notably the critical seats operation.

The Tory posters, party election broadcasts and newspaper advertisements had proved "very strong", he said, adding that the agency had not been responsible for the public relations aspect of the campaign. This he admitted, had proved lack-lustre at times.

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Saatchis sue BBC over Panorama

By Lawrence Lever

Saatchi & Saatchi, the Conservative Party's advertising agency, is to sue the BBC for libel over a statement made in Monday night's *Panorama* claiming that the agency had been dismissed a week before last Thursday's general election.

Saatchi said last night that it would claim "substantial damages" over the statement which it described as "a total fabrication". Any damages would go to the NSPCC.

Saatchi issued a statement claiming that "the *Panorama* broadcast represented the climax of a concerted campaign which has been mounted by a group of individuals who are attempting to claim credit for the Conservative victory".

The *Panorama* statement was made by Mr Michael Cockerell, a BBC reporter with several years experience on *Panorama*. In Monday's programme, which analysed the Conservative and Labour parties' election campaigns, Mr Cockerell claimed that Saatchi had been replaced by an unnamed rival advertising agency on June 4. He said that this agency had then handled the rest of the campaign. Mr Cockerell was said to be "tied up" and then to have "gone home" in response to attempts to contact him last night.

Mr Sally Doganis, the producer of Monday's *Panorama* programme, refused to say last night whether Mr Cockerell had checked his facts with Saatchi prior to the programme going out. "I can't comment because it seems

that we are in an on-going legal situation", she said. Speaking from her North London home she said that the programme was a "post-election programme about the political parties" campaigns which we have been working on for quite some time."

In denying the *Panorama* allegations, Saatchi said that "all the work used in the Conservative Party campaign had been produced and executed by the agency".

Saatchi also made all the television election broadcasts, including the final broadcast which was prepared and filmed with the Prime Minister in Saatchi's offices on June 7 1981, the company added.

Saatchi says that Mr Tim Bell, of Lowe, Howard, Spink & Bell, "was one of many people from agencies, and other individuals, who made suggestions during the course of the campaign as to its content."

"Mr Bell's contribution was in areas that had already been covered by our campaign". Last October the BBC had to withdraw allegations made on the *Panorama* programme linking two Conservative MPs with fascist organizations. The allegations cost the BBC £500,000, mainly in costs.

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Hurd to launch blitz on inner city crime

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

Home Office ministers yesterday signalled that the role of crime prevention, particularly in the inner cities, is to be upgraded in a determined attempt by the Government to reverse the rise in lawlessness.

In a shift from the emphasis on tougher sentencing and increased police numbers, they spoke of enhanced co-operation with the departments of environment, education, trade and employment to tackle the root causes of inner-city crime.

Making his first major speech since the election, Mr Douglas Hurd, the Home Secretary, acknowledged public "anger and anxiety" about the rising crime rate and admitted that increased penalties and police resources were not in themselves enough to reverse it. It was time to examine more deeply the causes.

He said: "There is certainly a connection between crime and the wider tensions and defects in our society. Crime prevention he saw as a central part of our programme for lifting the cloud of discouragement from some of the cities."

Speaking to *The Times* on his first day as the Home Office minister in charge of law and order, Mr John Patten described crime prevention, specifically in inner cities, as his top priority.

He said: "There are three prongs to our anti-crime drive: stronger sentences, more police on the beat, and prevention. The first two are well developed and will continue to develop fast but the third, prevention, is as yet still far too underdeveloped."

The crime prevention strategy will go far beyond the existing neighbourhood watch

schemes, influencing many areas of government policy.

Education ministers, for example, are already understood to be considering the creation of special establishments to which the most disruptive pupils at inner city schools could be sent.

Mr Hurd, talking of the need to employ "intelligence and imagination", said he would shortly start consultations on the creation of a national organization to promote effective local crime prevention initiatives. In a speech to the British Security Industry Association yesterday, he told his audience they could help "design crime out of many sectors of our national life".

Mr Patten said that he intended to work closely with Mr Rod Hackney, the president of the Royal Institute of British Architects, and with Mr Michael Howard, his successor as Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, to promote greater security in the design of housing estates.

Mr Patten anticipated a more central role for an interdepartmental committee of ministers dealing with inner-city problems. It will be chaired by Mr Kenneth Clarke, the new Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

Mr Patten's other task is to pilot through the Commons a modified version of the Criminal Justice Bill. The original Bill caused anger among Conservative backbenchers by giving the Attorney General power to refer cases where sentences have appeared lenient, to the Court of Appeal for an opinion but denying it the power to alter the sentence. Mr Patten said that there would be "developments" on that clause.

Iranians launch an arms-buying spree

From Baghdad, Iraq, by Michael...

With the Americans still pushing in the UN Security Council for a world-wide arms embargo against Tehran, Iranian Government officials have authorized a massive new arms procurement programme which weapons dealers say is likely to presage a big new offensive against Iraq.

The Iranians, whose arms buying is now personally supervised by Ayatollah Khomeini's son Ahmed, are offering more than £9.3 million for just one order of 155 mm gun barrels and demanding more than 200,000 rounds of 155 mm ammunition at £155 a shell.

International efforts for a truce in the conflict have been growing since the accidental Iraqi missile attack on the American guided-missile cruiser *Stark*, but the sheer size of Iran's new arms purchasing

missions has impressed arms dealers. They say the Iranians are demanding literally thousands of new gun barrels and millions of rounds of artillery ammunition as well as facilities to manufacture their own heavy guns - grim evidence of their continued determination to smash the Iraqi Army and overthrow President Hussein.

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Obstacles to missile agreement

By Our Foreign Staff

Mr Viktor Karpov, the leading Soviet arms control expert, indicated to *The Times* yesterday that major obstacles still exist in the way of a superpower agreement on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe.

He said in Moscow that no such pact could be signed until Washington takes a "political decision" to alter its present negotiating stance.

Mr Karpov flatly rejected Nato claims that the American nuclear warheads mounted on the 72 West German Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles could be considered as "third country systems" outside the agreement.

He hoped that Mrs Thatcher might be able to use her influence to secure a reversal of the decision to retain the US-supplied warheads on the West German-owned rockets.

In Geneva, the US yesterday presented its new offer for the worldwide elimination of shorter-range nuclear missiles, in a special negotiating session with the Soviet Union.

The offer to scrap all missiles with a 300-600 mile range was an integral part of a draft treaty presented earlier this year.

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Bank loans

National Westminster Bank, Britain's largest bank, is making a £466 million provision against its £2.8 billion problem loans to developing countries. The other English clearing banks are expected to follow suit. Page 25

Fields inquiry

The Sports Council promised an immediate inquiry into the Priest Hill Sports Centre, in Ewell, Surrey, which has fallen into disrepair. Page 48

Portfolio

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Police 'covered up' attack on youths

By David Cross

Four police officers took part in a "disgraceful" conspiracy of silence after allegedly attacking five schoolboys, a jury at the Central Criminal Court was told yesterday.

Pleas by Scotland Yard for the men to own up to the assault which took place in a quiet street off Holloway Road, north London, nearly four years ago failed to bring a response and had an adverse effect on the Metropolitan Police.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said that at the end of 1983, Mr Bob Innis, deputy assistant commissioner, had called the defendants and the crews of two other police transit vans who had been in the area and emphasized the gravity of the incident.

But information gained much later resulted in four constables - PC Edward Mann and PC Nicholas Wise, both aged 27, and PC Michael

Gavin and PC Michael Parr, both aged 28 - being charged with assaulting four of the youngsters, Baltimore Ranger, aged 16, his brother, Eric, aged 13, Gary Foley, aged 14, and Daniel Jenkins, aged 16, and causing actual bodily harm to and assaulting Durjan Nalbant, aged 13.

The four constables plus Sgt Colin Edwards, aged 34, are also accused of conspiring to pervert the course of justice by making false statements. All the charges are denied.

The incident had happened when the youths, who were returning from a fair, had become aware that a white police transit van was following them. When the van caught up with them, the driver asked them to stop. "A number of officers came straight out of the van and, virtually without comment, attacked these boys", Mr Amlot said.

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Borrowing boost for Chancellor

By Our Economics Correspondent

The Chancellor of the Exchequer's hopes of meeting his public borrowing target and thus finding room for tax reductions next spring were boosted yesterday.

The public sector, instead of borrowing from the City as is normal, repaid £374 million last month. Expectations were for a public sector borrowing

requirement of up to £2 billion.

The figures show that the Government's finances are in better shape than a year ago. The cumulative PSBR for the first two months of the present financial year was £1.4 billion, compared with £1.7 billion a year ago.

The privatization of Rolls-

NEWS SUMMARY

Drug companies face inquiry

The Office of Fair Trading has asked the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to initiate an investigation into the supply of six pain-killing drugs.

The drugs, which are all opium derivatives, are made by only two manufacturers in the United Kingdom: Macfarlan Smith, which is part of the Glaxo Group, and Boots.

The six drugs listed are: codeine, morphine, dihydrocodeine, diamorphine, ethylmorphine and pholcodine.

The Office of Fair Trading said yesterday that Sir Gordon Borrie, the Director General, had made the reference because Macfarlan Smith dominated the British market with only one competitor and appeared to be making large profits. In 1984 the market value of the six drugs was £13 million.

In addition prices for the drugs were high compared with export prices and there were market barriers to imports and to competition from other British manufacturers.

Best to £500,000 face jury tax claim

Mr Keith Best, former Tory MP for Ynys Mon, Anglesey, was committed for trial at Southwark Crown Court yesterday on three charges of dishonestly obtaining 2,400 British Telecom shares.

Mr Best, aged 38, a barrister, of Little Smith Street, Westminster, elected jury trial when he appeared at Bow Street Magistrates' Court in central London.

He is accused of using variations of his name and different addresses to obtain more shares than he was entitled to.

Tamil loses plea

A Sri Lankan who told immigration officers that he had killed seven people, including a priest, while serving with a Tamil liberation army, yesterday lost his action in the High Court in London to be given political asylum in the United Kingdom.

Mr Sivakumar Sinnathamby, aged 29, said his life would be "in grave danger" if he was deported to Sri Lanka or India. He was refused leave to challenge a Home Office decision, made last November, that he should be denied refugee status as his fear of persecution was "not well-founded".

Heseltine called

Mr Michael Heseltine, the former Secretary of State for Defence, has been summoned to a crown court to give evidence in a case involving two Greenham Common peace protesters.

Reading Crown Court issued the summons after Mr Heseltine refused to appear at the request of the women's lawyers. He will today petition the court to set aside the summons.

Jean Hutchinson and Georgina Smith are appealing against convictions under by-laws drawn up while Mr Heseltine was a minister.

Cash aid for pandas

London Zoo, home to Britain's only giant panda, is going to play a vital role in international research into the species' reproductive system.

The zoo, which leads the world in the field, has received a £4,000 donation from Panda, the UK soft drink manufacturers, to fund the project. The company has agreed to raise a further £20,000 for the World Wildlife Fund to help to protect the animal's natural habitat in China.

Samples from female pandas are sent to London Zoo from China and Washington to help to analyse the hormones during a pregnancy.

Family court plans shelved indefinitely

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

The Treasury has shelved indefinitely proposals for a family court for England and Wales, in spite of wide support from judges, the legal profession and MPs from all political parties.

The Government had hoped to include a family court in the election manifesto but it was ruled out after objections over potential costs at a pre-election meeting of a special Cabinet committee.

The decision not to proceed.

at least for the moment, is the latest of several to have thwarted any progress towards a family court in recent years and will be a big blow to the many individuals and bodies who support the reform, including Sir John Arnold, president of the High Court family division.

It comes more than a year after the publication of a consultation paper on the various models for a family court by a committee of Civil Servants from the Treasury, Lord Chancellor's Department, Home Office, and the

Department of Health and Social Security.

There was wide consultation on that paper, with a resulting consensus in favour of a family court, although the two branches of the legal profession differed on its structure and on whether or not it should involve lay magistrates.

The interdepartmental committee drew up a paper on the possible costs, and those conclusions went before the Cabinet sub-committee just before the general election was called.

That paper estimated a cost of £32 million at most, assuming no savings from the new family court and based on a big take-up in legal aid under the arrangements.

The Treasury was not happy because it could not be said with certainty that the new court would not entail £32 million of costs.

Pressure has intensified over the past two years with the creation of the Family Courts Campaign, an umbrella group of more than 100 individuals and associations.

Had the Cabinet committee given the go-ahead, a family court based on the county court - the model attracting the widest consensus - was planned.

That would have involved four judicial tiers: High Court, circuit, registrars and lay magistrates.

All cases would have started in the county court, and then have been allocated to their appropriate level. There would have been a new code of procedure for family cases and a single administrative structure.

Stolen army tank rockets were sent by Red Star

Five stolen anti-tank rockets were sent by British Rail's Red Star parcel service from Liverpool to Glasgow, a court was told yesterday.

The rockets were intercepted by police in April last year and destroyed by an explosives expert, Mr John Spokes, QC, for the prosecution, said at Bristol Crown Court.

He claimed that Peter Kabluczenko, aged 39, a dealer in military goods, sent the parcel of rockets after they were stolen by army corporals at Battlesbury Barracks, Warrminster, Wiltshire.

Mr Spokes alleged that Mr Kabluczenko was caught by police on June 30 last year after he and another man had loaded a further nine M72 (66mm) rockets, with live shells, from a garage lock-up in Trowbridge, Wiltshire.

The rocket launchers were apparently bound for Scotland for use by Irish protestant sympathisers connected with the Ulster Defence Association (UDA).

Mr Kabluczenko, of Fford-y-Felin, Treuddyn Mill, Mold, North Wales, has denied two charges of dishonestly handling a total of 14 M72 rocket launchers, and two charges of possessing them.

He further denies a charge of handling a quantity of army stoves and fuel.

The alleged offences were said to have been committed in the first six months of last year.

Mr Spokes told the jury that police arrested Mr Kabluczenko and a Mr Paul Barker after they loaded a van with three boxes from the garage. One of those contained nine high-explosive anti-tank weapons.

He maintained that they had been stolen by a Corporal Knight, an ammunition storeman, and a Corporal Smith, a storeman, who were both serving with the First Battalion of the Worcestershire and Sherwood Foresters at Battlesbury Barracks.

The weapons were sold to Mr Kabluczenko by Barker.

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Mr David Steel, the Liberal leader, who has denied that he is trying to push the SDP into a merger, arriving at the House of Commons yesterday (Photograph: Alan Weller).

Labour in Europe

Anti-marketeers are ousted

The hard-line anti-EEC leadership of the British Labour Party at the European Parliament was yesterday ousted by the pro-Market faction.

Mr Alf Lomas, the "anti-marketeer" representing London East, stood down as leader of the British socialists in Strasbourg, admitting he had failed to convince his colleagues of the justice of his cause.

The leadership of the British Labour group of 32 now goes to Mr David Martin, of the Tribune Group, a pro-marketeer who sits for the Scottish Euro-constituency of Lothians.

The deputy leader will be Mr John Tomlinson (Bir-

mingham East), a right-winger, and the chairmanship goes to Mr George Stevenson (Staffordshire East), another right-winger.

Other posts in the new leadership are all taken by members of the younger Tribune left.

Behind the ousting is a clear disenchantment with the hard-left and the negative attitude taken by the anti-marketeers.

Mr Martin said yesterday: "We are not going to get out of the Common Market, so we might as well face reality and work within it."

He said Labour members would continue to campaign against the completion of the

internal market, jargon for a Common Market free-trade area.

Three Labour group members, Miss Joyce Quin (Tynes and Wear), Mr Bob Cryer (Sheffield) and Mr Win Griffiths (South Wales) and one Tory, Mr David Curry (Essex North East), were elected to Westminster last week.

By-elections may be held soon to replace them, although it is legally possible to sit in Strasbourg and Westminster.

There will also have to be a by-election in the Midlands West constituency to replace Mr Terry Pitt, a veteran Labour politician who died this year.

Inner city education is boosted

A new responsibility for inner-city schools and "education for a multicultural society" has been created in the Department of Education and Science (Our Education Correspondent writes).

The job has gone to Baroness Hooper, one of two new parliamentary under-secretaries appointed on Monday. Lady Hooper will also be responsible for piloting the Government's radical Education Bill through the Lords.

In the Commons, that burden will fall on Mrs Angela Rumbold, the Minister of State, who retains her responsibility for the curriculum, teacher training and the new 16-plus examination, the GCSE. Mr Robert Jackson, the other new junior minister, will deal with higher education and science.

Mr Robert Dunn, who was reappointed a Parliamentary Under Secretary of State, will supervise the partial dismemberment of the Inner London Education Authority

Jobcentre merger to aid unemployed

By Ronald Faux, Employment Affairs Correspondent

Unemployment benefit offices and Jobcentres are likely to be merged in the first move by the Government to bring more of the work of the Manpower Services Commission under the control of the Department of Employment.

The commission is the Government's main job creation agency. Senior officials have believed for some time that a Conservative Government returned with a strong majority would streamline unemployment services into one department.

Mr Norman Fowler, who took over this week as Secretary of State for Employment, is considering a planned one-door approach for the unemployed, allowing them to collect benefits and seek job information at the same time.

The commission runs more than 1,000 Jobcentres, which also provide information on other schemes such as Restart, the Enterprise Allowance and the Community Programme. Officials are con-

cerned about the possible effects on a total of 34 schemes which have been responsible for keeping more than a million young people and unemployed workers off the dole.

The commission has grown rapidly in autonomy and size as unemployment became the focus of political concern. It has headquarters in Sheffield and offices in London, with a total staff of 22,000 and an annual budget of £3,500 million.

The merger of Jobcentres and unemployment benefit offices would be the first step in the Conservative manifesto commitment to make the commission the main job training agency.

It is seen by the Government as a logical move, concentrating measures on behalf of the long-term unemployed. It is also likely to have the support of Mr Fowler, who spent five years at the Department of Health and Social Security.

Councillors face rates surcharge

By David Sapsed

Legal action that could result in more than 150 Labour councillors in London and Sheffield being surcharged and disqualified from office is being considered by district auditors.

The action, similar to the one that led to more than 70 Liverpool and Lambeth councillors, including Mr Derek Hutton and Mr Ted Knight,

being banned from office for five years, stems from delays in setting a rate in the spring of 1985. Offenders are Camden, Islington, Hackney, Southwark and Sheffield.

District auditors, responsible for overseeing the activities of local authorities, are expected to decide in the next few weeks whether to use their powers to charge the councillors with "wilful mis-

conduct" over the delay in setting a rate, a protest over government spending cuts.

The independent auditors are asking the councillors to justify the way they voted two years ago. Among those against whom action is being considered is Mr David Blunkett, leader of Sheffield City Council and elected as MP for Sheffield Brightside last Thursday.

Covent Garden offers Opera House alternative

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

Opponents of the proposed redevelopment of Covent Garden, led by the Covent Garden Community Association, published an alternative scheme yesterday which preserves a number of historic buildings.

The alternative scheme will preserve the Floral Hall and provide an open-air auditorium in an attempt to make the Royal Opera House more accessible to the public.

The scheme, promoted jointly with the Soho Housing Association, comes after the release of a proposal by the Royal Opera House for the redevelopment of two acres of Covent Garden, providing 250,000 sq ft of offices and shops.

The Opera House plan, which has been amended after it was first submitted to Westminster City Council, involves the demolition of a Georgian terrace in Russell Street, four other listed build-

ings and part of the Floral Hall.

The proposers of the alternative scheme say that the Royal Opera House needs public support more than new facilities. "They need to make the ROH more responsive to the nation and the neighbourhood in particular," a spokesman said.

The associations hailed a recent experimental staging of *La Bohème* on a screen in the market square as a start in opening up the Opera House

to the public. However they claimed that the proposals would prevent the possibility of a repeat experiment.

"To demolish five listed buildings is both unnecessary and inexcusable and to build massive speculative offices and underground car park is clearly not the best way to attract public support," the associations say.

Their scheme allows for some commercial development and an exclusive Opera

House-related hotel on the corner of James Street and the Piazza as the main "income generators" to help fund the Royal Opera House.

Westminster City Council's planning committee meets on June 30 to decide on the Royal Opera House scheme, which is on show at an exhibition in the Opera House. The plans for the alternative scheme are on show at the western end of the Covent Garden market building.



Geoffrey Smith

The Liberals and Social Democrats now resemble a quarrelsome family arguing bitterly over their father's will without realising that he is bankrupt. Whether they federate, confederate merge, or go their separate ways, there is no rich political inheritance awaiting them.

Whatever political future they have will depend partly on their further efforts and partly on circumstances over which they can have little control. It is hard to see how they could hope to obtain power without either a further realignment on the left or displacing Labour as the principal challenger to the Conservatives.

But the chances of either development would not seem to be such at the moment as to attract a betting man. So there is no more they could make which would solve their problems at a stroke.

Perhaps Labour will get themselves into such a mess in the course of this Parliament as to make many eyes turn towards the Alliance. Perhaps the Government will run into such difficulties as to transform the prospects for anyone who can form a complete opposition.

But all the Liberals and Social Democrats can do at this stage is to place themselves in as good a position as possible to take advantage of any favourable turn of events.

Unless the bleakness of their present situation is appreciated, the choices that they now face cannot be seen in context. The question is not which of the two parties has more to contribute to British public life. Nor is it how to preserve the parity of a distinctive political approach.

If it were, I would like a great deal of sympathy for Dr Owen and his supporters in their resistance to the pressure

for merger. They have had something more substantive and original to say on the serious issues than anyone else in the opposition parties. They have brought a more rigorous approach to the discussion of policy.

They are right that Liberals and Social Democrats often seem to be different political animals. It would indeed be a loss if the sharpness of the Owenite thinking were to be smothered in a united party. But the alternative might be to deprive it of all influence in British public life.

Effective political action requires more than assembling an array of intellectual converts. It also means securing the effective co-operation of those who only half agree.

Without that no British party can hope to be successful because it would be no more than a sect, no matter how intellectually refined. And without a substantial party no British politician can leave a mark upon his times.

So the critical question is whether the Social Democrats and Liberals, either together or separately, can play a significant role. Unless they can, it does not matter much what happens to either of them.

After the election it seems clear that neither will be taken sufficiently seriously so long as they remain apart. The hybrid arrangement does not impress the voters. There is not room for two separate parties in the centre and it would require a debilitating battle for one to kill off the other.

The least that would be required to command confidence would be a single leader and annual conference and a combined policy-making procedure. To my mind that would be merger to all intents and purposes, whatever name might be attached by the constitution-mongers.

It would not be a painless process: some people in both parties might drop out. It would not guarantee success: nothing could. It would not provide assured influence for the Owenites: but if they cannot practice the political arts with sufficient skill to get it in a union with the Liberals they are unlikely to get it by themselves.

The Liberals would be most unwise to turn a merger into a concealed takeover, as a number of them would no doubt prefer. But some Liberals would positively welcome the additional rigor that the Social Democrats would bring, both to party organization and to the formation of policy.

Yet even if a union is a gamble, it is one that neither party can now afford to decline.

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— William Cowper

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Christmas Eve kidnapping

Bodybuilder's orgy of sex showed 'farmyard morals'

By Stewart Tandler, Crime Reporter

A bodybuilding fanatic kidnapped two girls and carried out an orgy of repeated rape and sexual attacks which subjected his terrified victims to the "morals of the farmyard", a judge at St Albans Crown Court was told yesterday.

A police hunt began after Peter Chmilkowsky's first victim, aged 19, escaped after she had been held and raped in hotel rooms. Chmilkowsky was seen by police but lost them in a high-speed chase.

The centre of a nationwide police hunt last December was fled with his second victim aged 17, who he raped 16 times. Chmilkowsky finally decided to try to commit suicide. He drove headlong at a car on a Norfolk road, killing a baby aged five months.

Yesterday Chmilkowsky, aged 30 and unemployed, from Berkshire Gardens, Palmers Green, north London, pleaded guilty to two charges of kidnap and eight of rape. He pleaded not guilty to murdering the baby, Gemma Smallbone, of Holt, Norfolk, but guilty to manslaughter on the ground of diminished responsibility.

Mr Justice Phillips accepted the plea and adjourned the case until he had heard medical evidence on Chmilkowsky. He would then decide whether to impose a prison sentence or send him to Broadmoor.

Mr Peter Townsend, QC, for the prosecution, told the court

that the events happened last Christmas and New Year. He said: "They can only be summed up as an orgy of sex, a couple of kidnaps finally ending with the tragic death of a five-month-old baby."

Chmilkowsky repeatedly threatened to kill his two victims which made them too afraid to escape, creating "almost in some sort of perverted way, a sort of loyalty".

Mr Townsend said the man "exhibited towards the two girls what can only be described as the morals of the farmyard". Both were bright, intelligent individuals.

The 19-year-old met Chmilkowsky last October, a month after he had been acquitted of rape. They went out three times and on the last occasion she planned to end the affair.

Chmilkowsky drove her to the Post House Hotel, Epping, where he checked in for two



Chmilkowsky, whose suicide crash attempt killed a baby.

nights. In the room Chmilkowsky began his attacks telling his victim: "I can't tell you what's wrong because you won't understand."

Something had happened to him in the past and he was taking it out on her. He had been wrongfully accused of rape. When he came out of prison he wanted revenge.

The girl was systematically raped during the following weekend. Mr Townsend said the charges on the indictment were only sample charges.

At the end of the weekend, armed with a knife, Chmilkowsky drove her to Eastbourne. The girl, denied sleep for two nights, was too frightened to try to escape.

Afraid, she agreed to spend another night with him on condition there were no more sexual relations. But in an Eastbourne hotel Chmilkowsky did not keep his word.

The girl was told to call home and the couple discovered a police hunt had begun.

At Ferndown, near Bourne-mouth, Chmilkowsky made her get money from a bank. The clerk recognized her from the manhunt, took her behind the security door and slammed it in Chmilkowsky's face.

He fled to London where a friend alerted him that police were looking for him. On December 23 his hire car was seen by a policewoman in Edmonton but Chmilkowsky got away.

Two days later, on Christmas Eve, he caught his second victim as she was leaving a public house. Close to midnight she walked up to his car which she thought was a minicab.

For the next two days the girl was kept virtual prisoner by Chmilkowsky as he drove through the eastern counties.

On December 26, listening to radio details of the hunt, the fugitive told her: "There is only one thing for it. I am going to find a lorry and I am going to drive into it and I am taking you as well."

On Sunday, December 27, the car was in Norfolk, near Swaffham. The girl was made to write suicide notes.

Mr Townsend said the defendant's letter blamed his parents for the way they had brought him up. It added: "I don't know what has happened to me. I can't take any more. What I am doing is the only way out. Goodbye. Pete."

The girl wrote: "To Mum and Dad and everyone. Love you very much. Why did it have to be me? Goodbye."

The next morning, Chmilkowsky drove at another car at 70 to 80 miles an hour and Gemma Smallbone died.

Chmilkowsky fled. He gave himself up at the nearby home of Sir Samuel Roberts, a barrister.

Reger slips into next decade



A Janet Reger silk bustier, worn here with a matching petticoat (Photographic: Dennis McNeelane)

Janet Reger yesterday celebrated the start of her third decade in the underwear business with the launch of her new collection.

Looking back over the last 20 years, she recalled that when she first started, men bought black or red.

For many men, the shopping trip consisted of a nervous dash into the shop, a fumble among the frills and a quick exit.

But according to Mrs Reger, today's male buyer knows what he wants, browses at leisure and picks an item in his partner's favourite colour.

Those who do not mind people knowing they wear the Janet Reger label include Jerry Hall, the model, Joan Collins, the actress, and her American counterpart Linda Gray.

In spite of setbacks, she is back at the top of the underwear business.

Four years ago the business crashed with debts of £1 million and she sold her name and began working for Berle.

She succeeded in rebuilding her business but two years later her husband Peter, from whom she had been separated for two years, committed suicide.

At the end of last year she suffered another severe blow when £200,000-worth of her Christmas collection was stolen.

But Mrs Reger threw herself back into her business and overcame the problems.

Business is now booming again at her London shop and sales to the American market are thriving.

Portfolio Gold Prize will smarten a home

Two readers shared yesterday's Portfolio Gold prize of £4,000.

Mr John Walden, aged 39, of Oakleaf Gardens in Ilford, Essex, was delighted to win the competition which he had played since its inception.

Mr Walden, a computer consultant, said he would be spending the money on redecorating his house.

Mrs Regina Ankin, aged 70 from London, said the win was a great surprise which would enable her to be very generous to her sister.

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The Times, Blackburn, BB1 6AJ.

Envoy's son 'fled after killings'

A diplomat's son fled to Britain after killing his girlfriend's parents because they disapproved of him, a court was told yesterday.

Jens Soering, a West German then aged 17, cut the throats of Derek and Nancy Hayson and then stabbed them repeatedly in the chest. He then took off his shoes and "swished" his feet through their blood to cover his footprints at their mansion in Bedford County, Lynchburg, Virginia, an extradition court at Bow Street, central London, was told.

Mr Paul Garlick, for the United States government and the Director of Public Prosecutions, said Mr Soering, now aged 20, plotted the killings with his American girlfriend Elizabeth.

Mr Garlick said the girl has already been extradited.

Mr Soering, who denies the allegations, was remanded in custody awaiting a decision by the Home Secretary on whether he will be extradited. He has 15 days to appeal.

Jury freed rapist in 'mirror' attack

By Our Crime Reporter

Peter Chmilkowsky was well known to the police when he began the first of his kidnaps with a girl before St Albans Crown Court. Last summer he was acquitted in a rape case at the Central Criminal Court which mirrored one of the attacks for which he pleaded guilty yesterday.

At the time he had a record for rape. At first sight Chmilkowsky seemed a pleasant young man in his early thirties with a fascination for body building but there were signs of deep problems which came to the surface when he was rejected by women at the end of a relationship.

Since his arrest two women have contacted police with details of sex offences, suggesting there were other victims.

Born to a Ukrainian Roman Catholic family, Chmilkowsky was brought up in schools and homes for maladjusted children. He is said to have been rejected by his family. One policeman described him as being "emotionally maladjusted and backward".

After school, Chmilkowsky joined the Royal Green Jackets serving in Belfast and Berlin. When aged 22 he was dishonourably discharged and began drifting through jobs.

In 1980 he was given 18 months' for raping a woman

with whom he had lived. He also received three months for an indecent assault.

Within months of being released in 1985 Chmilkowsky was accused of attacking and imprisoning a shop assistant aged 19 after dating her. According to the prosecution in the case last year, Chmilkowsky took the girl drinking. At the end of the evening he agreed to take her home but first wanted to change his clothes in his rented room in north London.

She went with him and was held captive all night. In court Chmilkowsky claimed she had given her consent. The jury believed him.

Chmilkowsky was free after

a year in prison awaiting his trial. He took a room in the home of Mrs Bruna Connolly in Palmers Green, north London. Mrs Connolly, a widow in her sixties, thought the burly young man would make a good guard for her home which had been burgled.

Her new lodger, who worked as a minicab driver, was referred to her by a local DHSS office. Mrs Connolly said: "When I saw what a big boy he was I knew that he would be good to have in the house when I was alone."

He never took girls home and Mrs Connolly had no idea he was in trouble until he disappeared last Christmas and the police arrived.

Winter holidays price war

By Derek Harris, Industrial Editor

The package holidays price war, which yesterday brought more discount offers for the summer, is spilling into next winter.

Thomson Holidays, Britain's biggest tour operator, launched its main winter brochures and immediately announced a wave of cuts on the prices published.

This was because Horizon Holidays, the third largest operator in winter holidays, late last week brought out a programme with average prices at last winter's levels.

Horizon, recently taken over by the brewers Bass, was keeping prices low to try to win a bigger share of the market, increasing its number of holidays on offer by a third to 300,000.

Thomson's brochure prices

and those aimed at the overseas were on average 2 per cent up on last winter, but it was determined to stick by its pledge of not being beaten on price. Mr Paul Brett, the Thomson managing director, said.

In the 56 hotels used by both operators, Thomson is cutting prices on 100,000 holidays, a tenth of the packages it has on offer. The reductions are up to £35 a holiday and will bring its average price increase to about 1.5 per cent, well below the inflation rate.

Thomson, which accounted for a dominant 48 per cent of the £500 million winter market last time, is expanding its next winter programme to at least one million holidays, an increase of rather more than a fifth on last winter.

Thomson underlined it would be prepared to meet any major reductions from other key competitors when they bring out their winter holiday offerings. The second largest operator, International Leisure Group whose brands include Intasun, is due to launch its winter brochures early next month.

Intensified competition is expected to lure more people abroad next winter with Thomson forecasting at least 2.5 million Britons travelling compared with 2.25 million last winter.

The price moves have come as increasing nervousness has swept the trade over 1987 holidays in the peak months of July and August. There are still about two million holidays unsold, it is estimated.

Self-help way to cut stress

By Jill Sherman, Social Services Correspondent

Staying sober, not being too hard on oneself, and having "treats" all help reduce excessive stress.

According to a booklet published by the British Medical Association today, most people have an innate ability to cope with stress which can be helped by training and practice in self-help methods.

Improving both general health and fitness by getting plenty of sleep, eating a good diet, taking enough exercise and doing specific relaxation exercises, helps reduce tension, it says. Undue stress could also be prevented by understanding what causes stress and by learning how to avoid, adjust or adapt to it.

"The principle defences are within ourselves and mainly consist of physical and mental fitness—a healthy body and a healthy mind", the author, Dr Greg Wilkinson, from the Institute of Psychiatry in London, says.

Having a sense of control over events helps reduce the stress, the publication says. It advises people to find out what makes them irritable and then try to alter their response, for example by making sure they leave home with time to catch a train. They should reward themselves if they manage to do that for a week.

The booklet, which is available from pharmacists and from the BMA, lists 18 rules to reduce stress. These include: getting priorities right, thinking ahead and sharing worries with family or friends. Coping with Stress, (Family Doctor Publications, 95p).

Painless answer to the gallstone

By Robert Matthews

A painless technique for removing gallstones in minutes without the need for surgery is about to undergo its first trial in this country.

Tens of thousands of people suffer from gallstones, outnumbering those with kidney stones by about five to one, but until now they have not benefited from the development of lithotripsy techniques, in which kidney stones are broken up by sound waves so that they can be passed through the body.

A West German lithotripter, which its inventors claim will destroy both types of stone, will be used in the first trial in Britain at the private London Bridge Hospital.

Instead of an operation to remove the stone, involving a 10-day stay in hospital and leaving a 12in scar, the lithotripter is said to destroy a stone in about 30 minutes, after which the patient can walk back to the ward.

The patient lies on a bed into which is fitted a water-filled dish containing about 3,000 electrically-powered ce-

ramic crystals that give a pulse of pressure of more than five tons force a square inch focused on the stone.

About 1,500 pulses of increasing intensity are applied during treatment with the pulses being continuously monitored by an ultrasonic scanner.

Existing lithotripters are comparatively cumbersome, often involving the complete immersion of the patient in water and the use of potentially dangerous X-rays to monitor progress.

Also, their relative inaccuracy means they are often bruising to areas well away from the target stone, and a patient usually requires general anaesthesia.

According to Mr John Dick, who is conducting the trial for the London Bridge Hospital, the patient rarely feels anything more than a slight pinprick with the new machine, in spite of its power. He said: "Some patients have gone to sleep on the machine."

The hospital sees the technique being used regularly once trials are complete.

Assault on woman, 82

A man believed to be responsible for a series of sex attacks on elderly women was being hunted by police in Birmingham after a widow aged 82 became the latest victim.

The woman was sexually assaulted after the man persuaded her to let him through the security doors of a tower block of flats at Wickets House, Pershore Road, Edgbaston, on Monday.

But, once inside, the man put his hands over her mouth

and forced the woman to ride in the lift to the nineteenth floor where he assaulted her.

The attacker was described by police as a well-spoken black man in his early twenties. He is thought to have been responsible for four similar attacks on women aged over 70 in the same area.

Det Chief Insp Graham Jones urged elderly women to be on their guard. "This was a serious sexual assault on a defenceless old lady."

Duchess to take helicopter lessons

By Harvey Elliott, Air Correspondent

The Duchess of York is to learn to fly helicopters so that she and her husband can "share the driving" on official or private visits.

The Duchess, who recently won her private pilot's licence on fixed-wing aircraft, is fascinated by aviation and has often said she would like to be able to pilot helicopters.

Now Air Hanson, a subsidiary of Hanson Trust, has offered to provide the tuition which could have cost an estimated £20,000 for 40 hours if carried out on a normal commercial basis.

They will also cover the cost of the Duke of York's conver-

sion course from the military. Lynx helicopter he flies in the Royal Navy, to the Bell Jetranger, so that he can obtain his civilian helicopter licence.

Air Hanson, a helicopter charter operator, flies company executives to business meetings, and gives flying tuition. It offered a course of lessons to the Royal couple as a wedding present last year.

The lessons will be taken from RAF Benson in Oxfordshire.

Captain Kevin Mulhern, Air Hanson's Chief Training Officer, who will teach the Duchess said yesterday: "The

fact that she has already qualified as a fixed-wing pilot and is used to being in the air, knows about navigation and how to use the radio will be a great help to her."

He and Captain Tim Kyle who will assist in the lessons are former Royal Navy pilots with about 10 years' experience with Air Hanson.

They expect that the Duke will be ready to obtain his civilian licence after about 10 lessons.

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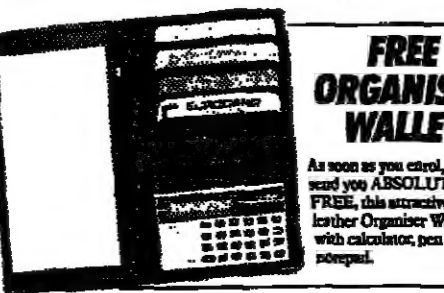
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Race prejudice 'drove trainee PC from force'

By Ian Smith

An immediate investigation will be ordered if it is proved that police officers racially abused one of their colleagues, a Chief Constable promised yesterday.

The promise, by Mr Colin Sampson, the Chief Constable of West Yorkshire, came as an industrial tribunal heard a claim from a West Indian trainee officer that he resigned from the force because of colour prejudice.

In the first hearing of its kind, Mr Nicholas Booth,

aged 24, is claiming constructive dismissal under the Race Relations Act against Mr Sampson.

Mr Booth alleges he was subjected to harassment and humiliation when he became the first Afro-Caribbean policeman in Bradford.

During training, Mr Booth told an industrial tribunal in Leeds, he was nicknamed Toby, the name given to a slave in the television drama *Roots*. Mr Booth said he had the buttons sliced off his tunic, he was called a black bastard and he was singled out for

criticism by officers at inspector and sergeant level.

Senior officers in the West Yorkshire force are investigating claims by Mr Booth that he was forced to indulge in improper acts with a striptease artist at a stag night for one of his fellow recruits.

Mr Sampson told the tribunal that he was wholly committed to racial harmony, equal opportunity and to ensuring that officers within his force adhered to those principles.

He was aware people within ethnic minority groups were

critical of the police and had therefore placed special emphasis on race relations during training programmes for the force, which has more than 5,000 officers.

The Chief constable said: "I have attempted for some years to be concerned with racial harmony. If there is evidence that there is racial discrimination it will set back the whole of my programme and set me with bridges to re-build."

The Chief Constable said he would react with abhorrence to proof that Mr Booth had been called nigger or black

bastard by fellow constables.

But, Mr Sampson said, on December 8 last year when Mr Booth was called to the Chief Constable's office to discuss reports criticizing the probationer police officer's performance during the 21 months he had been under training, not once did Mr Booth claim he had been subjected to discrimination.

Tutorial reports described him as having made poor progress and obtained poor examination results. They suggested he suffered from a

bad memory and lack of concentration.

Mr Booth said in evidence that he originally applied to join the force in April, 1984 and was initially rejected because of poor spelling and lack of co-ordination. He joined the Territorial Army to improve his performance and 12 months later he was accepted for police training. It was soon afterwards that he became a target of fellow probationers.

The hearing continues today.

Commission to put spotlight on efficiency

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

A three-year investigation of the finances, effectiveness and efficiency of the police service by the Audit Commission will be outlined at a national conference of chief constables opening today in Blackpool.

Using up to ten forces, the commission will work in a series of phases amassing research material centrally and then applying it in the field.

Individual forces will be examined on specific areas such as use of computers or vehicles while others will be face more extensive scrutiny.

The survey will not look at effectiveness in terms of how many criminals are caught, but will make sure the police use resources to full effect. Any savings could be diverted to other areas of police work.

Lessons drawn from the work on individual forces will be published and may eventually be applied to the whole service.

The commission has produced reports, and inspired improvements, in refuse collection, management of accommodation for the elderly and energy saving plans. Earlier this year it said eight inner London authorities faced a breakdown of services because of poor management.

The police survey will be led by Dr Ross Tristram, director of special studies at the commission. He will be describing his plans today at the summer conference of the Association of Chief Police

Officers, the theme of which is "Value for Money".

The commission is acting at a time when the police are already said to be willing under the effect of drives for efficiency and cost-cutting exercises inspired by a Home Office circular several years ago. Many forces claim manpower shortages.

Earlier this year in his annual report, Mr Roger Birch, Chief Constable of Sussex and the next association president, warned of the danger of trying to place a cash value on police work.

The project is the first on the police by the commission since its formation in 1983. Its role is to ensure money is spent and accounted for by local authorities and their services according to the law. It also identifies areas for improving cost-effectiveness.

It will begin by looking at specific police expenditure: vehicle management, management of police property, catering, command and control computers, scene of crime services, intelligence bureaux and management services.

It will also see how external factors have affected police resources, including the Police and Criminal Evidence Act, which police say has stretched manpower; the formation of the Crown Prosecution Service, and the introduction of extensions to the fixed penalty system for motorists.

Universities chief tells of benefits from cuts

By John Clare, Education Correspondent

A warmer, less hostile relationship between the universities and the Government was heralded yesterday by Professor Sir Mark Richmond, the newly elected chairman of the Committee of Vice-Chancellors and Principals.

The shift in attitude will be warmly welcomed by Mr Kenneth Baker, Secretary of State for Education and Science, and his new team of ministers.

"Things are changing and we've got to respond positively and change with them; society doesn't owe us a living", was how Sir Mark summed up his view of the future of Britain's 45 universities.

He characterized the financial cuts, which every university has suffered and strenuously objected to over the past six years, as an "enormous kick up the pants".

He went on: "But the system is not irreparably damaged. On the contrary, it is now in a very vigorous state. One of the benefits of the cuts is that they've made people think, made the universities more responsive to the country's needs."

"There was some truth in the accusation that univer-

sities had become ivory towers".

Sir Mark said that the Government's plans to concentrate spending on scientific research in centres of excellence, instead of spreading it thinly throughout the system, were "interesting and inevitable".

Sir Mark said that a start had been made in areas such as particle physics and space research.

He added: "I very much hope no university will become a purely teaching institution. No university is so good that it can expect to be funded for research in all areas but none is so bad that it cannot do any research at all."

Sir Mark was also willing to see advantages in the Government's plan to change the nature of university funding from a system of grants to one based on contracts.

On academic tenure and student loans, Sir Mark said it was impossible to argue that academics had an absolute right to a job for life and he did not believe that loans to top up student grants would necessarily restrict access to higher education.

Sir Mark, aged 56, a microbiologist, has been vice-chancellor of Manchester university since 1981.

A police stand-off as hippies move in

A group of hippies were encamped in woodland within 12 miles of Stonehenge last night after police declined to use their powers under the new Public Order Act to move them on.

Without the support of the Wiltshire Constabulary, the Forestry Commission, which owns Collingbourne Wood, near Ludgershall, has had to resort to civil law by seeking a repossession order for the land in the High Court.

The hippies have successfully adopted tactics of dispersing when moved on from one site and re-grouping hours later in large numbers as they attempt to get to Stonehenge to celebrate the Summer Solstice this weekend.

Each hippy group has at least one copy of the Public Order Act, and there is never any shortage of volunteers to quote extracts from its two relevant sections in the hippies' defence.

English Heritage, which looks after Stonehenge, yesterday said it would cancel arrangements to allow 500 ticket-holders to approach the stones if it looked as if an invasion by the uninited was imminent.

Section 39 of the Public Order Act states that trespassers on private land can be forced to leave if they cause damage or use threatening behaviour.

However, yesterday, the police were prepared to be lenient in their interpretation of "damage", although the Forestry Commission said that damage by campfires had already been caused.



Princess Anne, the Princess Royal, takes a no-nonsense approach to life, even with a barn owl called Elsie that needs pointing in the right direction. When Elsie landed near her, the royal command was: "You're supposed to be over there." Off went Elsie back to the display arena at the Falconry Centre, Newent, Gloucestershire, where the Princess was opening a £40,000 eagle breeding unit. (Photograph: Peter Trievnor).

RUC warn of a new terrorist onslaught

By Richard Ford

Security forces in Northern Ireland are preparing for a new terrorist onslaught as the Province enters its traditional marching season, when sectarian tension is at its highest.

The police suspect that the Provisional IRA aims to intensify attacks now that the votes for its political wing, provisional Sinn Féin, have been gathered and its leaders need no longer fear electoral damage.

The RUC said in a statement that civilians, VIPs and

commercial targets as well as the security forces were at risk.

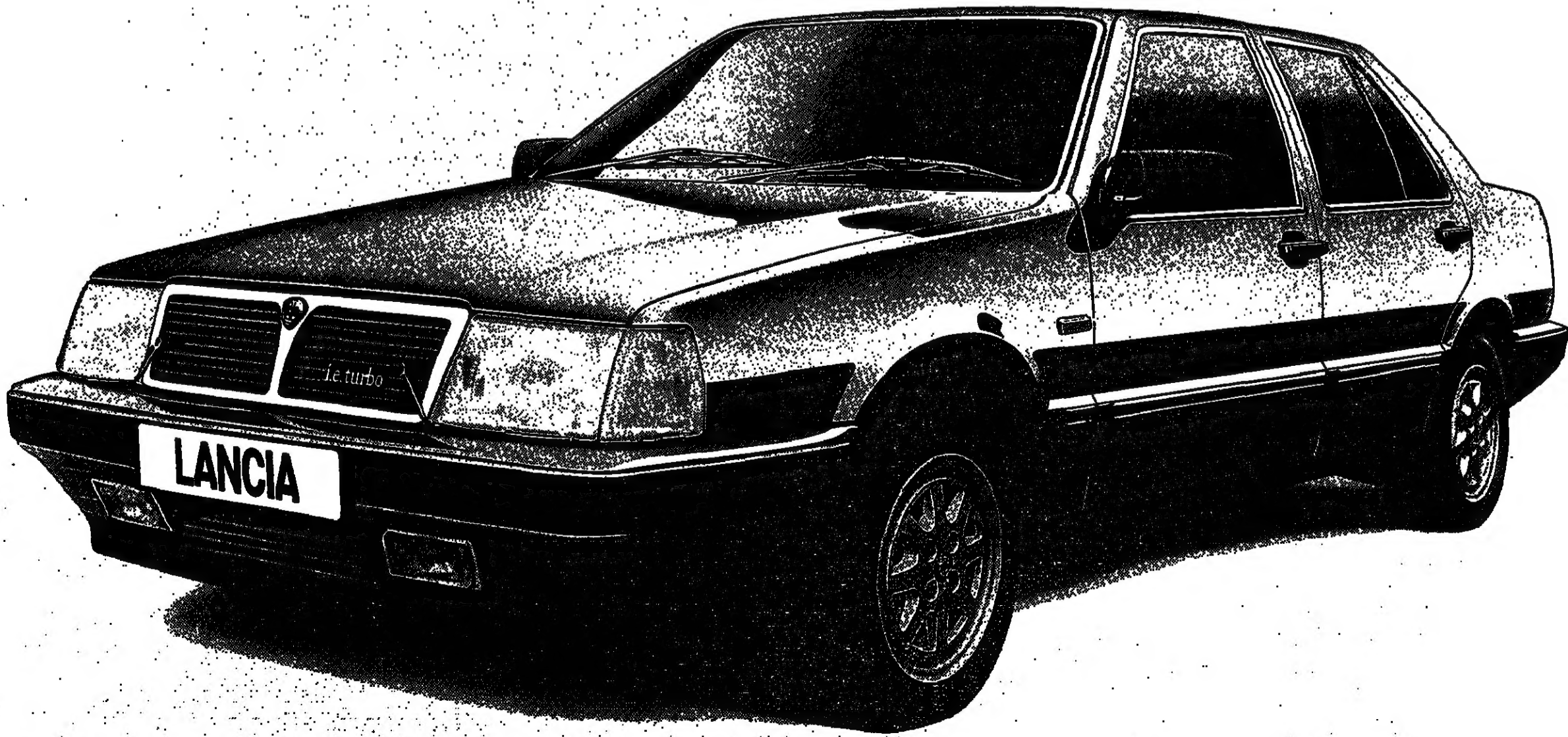
The Provisionals' campaign has been at a higher level than in recent years because of the release from prison of a number of men who are suspected of renewed involvement in the movement.

By increasing terrorist attacks, the Provisional IRA want to put pressure on the Anglo-Irish Agreement.

They also aim to provoke the loyalist community into retaliation.

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Methodists may appoint first woman as 'bishop'

By Clifford Longley, Religious Affairs Correspondent

The first woman "bishop" in the Methodist Church in Britain, known as a district chairman, is expected to be elected at the church's conference in Portsmouth later this month.

If she defeats a rival candidate, the Rev Kathleen Richardson will become responsible for more than 50 clergy in the West Yorkshire district.

She received the highest number of votes for the nomination in the district synod, but the candidate she defeated for the nomination, the Rev Kenneth Taylor, is still in the race. Mrs Richardson, aged 48, was ordained in 1979.

The conference agenda shows that the church is likely to be criticized by some members for not supporting Mr James Anderson, the Chief Constable of Greater Manchester, for his trenchant remarks in January attributing Aids to the immorality of homosexuality.

The Kendal circuit notes with "disarm" that heads of the Methodist Church did not speak out in his support.

Mr Anderson was himself a member of an independent

Methodist church, but has since said he is under instruction for admission to the Roman Catholic Church.

The Rev Brian Beck, secretary of the Methodist Conference, said yesterday that he had not spoken in support of Mr Anderson because he disagrees with him.

One of the most important domestic items on the conference agenda will be a proposal to bring the ministerial session under the authority of the representative session, instead of the two sessions having equal standing.

The ministerial session, which takes place first, traditionally deals with all matters concerning the clergy, including policy and discipline.

The representative session includes the membership of the ministerial session, but also an equal number of elected lay members.

The conference will also consider new guidelines on liturgical dress. While continuing to leave the way they dress in church to the good taste of individual clergy, the guidelines recommend "sensitivity".

Farmers are told when it can pay to sell up

Some farmers would be well advised to sell their land before their situation deteriorates further.

For example, a farmer with fewer than 300 acres in the north or west of England, Wales or Scotland, on poor land, with few additional amenities and with little development potential should consider quitting.

That bleak advice comes from Bidwells, the land agents, which has produced a questionnaire for farmers. The answers are scored from 10, with a "pass mark" of 40.

It suggests that a West Country farmer with 250 acres of Grade 3 land, living in a modern farmhouse, with reasonably modern buildings and equipment, a moderate debt, and a respectable income, would score about 50 points. That is below the level at which he should "seriously review" his prospects and contemplate selling up.

In contrast, the owner of a small, high amenity value farm near London might be well advised to sell his 400 acres at £2,500 an acre now and buy a good commercial 700-acre farm in East Anglia at £1,500 an acre.

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WORLD SUMMARY

Sir Geoffrey sets team new tasks

Mr David Mellor is to take over sensitive Foreign Office responsibilities, including Iran and Lebanon (Andrew Mo-Ewen writes). Sir Geoffrey Howe, Foreign Secretary, yesterday defined the tasks of two new Ministers of State, Mr Mellor and Lord Glenarthur, and of Mrs Lynda Chalker (Minister of State) and Mr Timothy Eggar (Under Secretary).

Mr Mellor will be responsible for the Middle East, North Africa, arms control, defence, East-West relations, and relations with the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe; Asia goes to Lord Glenarthur, who will also control relations with Pacific nations, energy, science and administration.

Mrs Chalker becomes Sir Geoffrey's deputy and takes on Western Europe as well as Africa and the EEC. Mr Eggar keeps his drugs and Aids duties and takes on the Americas.

Le Matin Secretary off camera

Paris — The crisis-ridden French left-wing daily, *Le Matin*, obtained a 48-hour respite yesterday when the Paris Commercial Tribunal agreed to put off until Thursday its decision on whether the paper should be declared bankrupt, following the personal intervention of the Gaullist Prime Minister, M. Jacques Chirac (Diana Geddes writes).

The tribunal announced its decision after learning that the paper had managed to raise four million francs (£400,000), of which more than half came from a government fund for aiding the press, which was unblocked with unusual speed at the special request of M. Chirac.

Bonn — A former secretary in the West German President's Office who is on trial charged with spying for Russia for 15 years told a Düsseldorf court yesterday of her only attempt to use a lipstick-camera (John England writes).

Frau Margret Höke, aged 51, who is charged with high treason, said: "A colleague came into my office and I thought I had been caught... I was nervous and never used the camera again."

Parents see pilot son

Moscow (AP) — The parents of Mathias Rust, the 19-year-old West German pilot arrested after landing in Red Square, saw him for the first time since he was jailed here when they made a three-hour visit to Moscow's Lefortovo Prison yesterday.

Herr Karl-Heinz Rust and his wife Monika brushed past Western reporters and disappeared into the closely guarded prison in eastern Moscow about 15 minutes before the 10 a.m. appointment. By the time they emerged reporters had been forced by police to move a block away and could not question them as they were sped away in a car provided by the West German magazine *Stern*.

Fiji given 'way out' Ruling on hijack trial

Wellington — Ratu Sir Kamisese Mara, the former Prime Minister of Fiji, said yesterday the "fairest way" for his country might be to declare a republic yet remain within the Commonwealth (Richard Long writes).

"From remarks I have seen reported, legal pundits in the UK seem to think this is the only way we can go," the widely-respected elder statesman said on New Zealand television. Ratu Mara, who led Fiji for 17 years, was looking at the route ahead for Fiji after the coup which last month ousted the newly-elected government of Dr Timoci Bavadra.

Nagy remembered

Vienna (Reuters) — Hungary's unofficial opposition staged a demonstration in central Budapest to commemorate Imre Nagy, the government leader executed 29 years ago yesterday after Soviet troops crushed the 1956 uprising. About 40 demonstrators unveiled banners calling for a monument to him, but a large police force pushed back them back before Mr Janos Kis, a dissident philosopher, could make a speech. No one was hurt or arrested.

Police in flocks at sun spots

From Harry Debelius Madrid

Police, the first of thousands of reinforcements sent annually to protect holiday-makers from crime and terrorism, began to settle in flocks at hotels and boarding houses along Spain's Mediterranean coast yesterday.

"Operation Summer" got under way with the arrival of 456 members of the National Police in Malaga, capital of the Costa del Sol, and 390 members of the National Police and 116 Civil Guards in Alicante, capital of the Costa Blanca. Additional police units are in Girona for duty on the Costa Brava and in Tarragona for duty on the Costa Dorada.

By early July, 750 rookies, fresh from police academy, will join their colleagues on the coast. Before the summer is out about 3,500 policemen will have done temporary duty at holiday resorts.

This is the third successive year in which the operation has gone into effect, but this summer it has been structured in accordance with information supplied by the authorities in each province.

In another special security operation, a "superior committee for Olympic security" was formed on Monday in Barcelona, site of the 1992 Olympics.

The committee, under the control of the Interior Ministry, will be responsible for preparing and executing a plan to guarantee the security of Olympic athletes, officials and spectators. About 10,000 people are expected to be involved in operations designed primarily to guard against terrorist attacks.

Zones that are 'not a good idea'



Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, sporting a day doll of the Philippines President at a press conference in Manila yesterday after a meeting with Mrs Aquino at the Malacañang Palace.

Nearing the end of his visit to The Philippines, Mr Shultz said that the United States was opposed to the creation of nuclear free zones because peace depends on the nuclear deterrent (Reuters reports from Manila). "Our view is that the nuclear free zones are basically not a good idea at this point," he said.

Mr Shultz was speaking shortly after the foreign ministers of the Association of South-East Asian Nations said in a communique they would continue consideration of a nuclear free zone in their region.

Kremlin arms expert speaks to The Times

Russia deflates hope of swift missiles accord in Geneva

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

The Soviet Union gave an unexpected warning yesterday that major obstacles still exist in the way of a superpower agreement on eliminating medium-range nuclear missiles from Europe and stated that no such pact could be signed until Washington takes a "political decision" to alter its present negotiating stance.

In a 60-minute interview designed to deflate some of the current optimism about the imminent conclusion of such an historic agreement in Geneva, Mr Viktor Karpov, the leading Soviet arms control expert, told *The Times* that as a result of recent decisions in the West, he now had "mixed feelings" about whether such a treaty would be achieved.

Mr Karpov flatly rejected Nato claims that the American nuclear warheads mounted on the 72 West German Pershing 1A shorter-range missiles could be considered as "third country systems" which would remain outside the terms of a US-Soviet agreement.

He described the recent contribution of the British Government to the arms control process as "positive" and expressed the hope that now Mrs Thatcher had been re-elected, she might be able to use her influence to secure a reversal of the decision to retain the US-supplied warheads on the West German-owned rockets.

The former chief Soviet negotiator at Geneva was unequivocal about Moscow's insistence that the 72 warheads would have to be considered as part of any medium-range and shorter-range missile deal.

"This is a very serious issue because it violates the very principle of the zero option for SRINF missiles in Europe," he told me.

The force of Mr Karpov's objections took diplomats by surprise and ran counter to recent optimistic claims from Washington that the West German stand, taken on June 4, would not damage hopes for an early agreement.

The Soviet official, who was clearly speaking with full Kremlin authority, went on: "The decision is clearly absurd. The 72 warheads make up more than half of the 130 shorter-range missiles which you in Nato assess that we now have in Europe, and which we have agreed to

eliminate during the process of the liquidation of medium-range missiles. So where is the principle of equality in that?"

Mr Karpov, who at 58 is regarded as one of the main tactical brains behind the recent string of Soviet disarmament initiatives, was uncompromising in his insistence that the 72 warheads would have to be destroyed. If, instead, they were considered now to belong to West Germany, he claimed that would be a breach by both Washington and Bonn of the nuclear non-proliferation treaty, of which both were signatories.

Clearly rehearsing the arguments that will be put forward in Geneva when, and if, the US State Department's decision to back the West German argument is presented formally, Mr Karpov added: "If we permitted this situation

to become legalized, maybe in a year or two, the US will also be giving Pershing missiles to Britain, Italy or to other Nato countries, and will then give them warheads for the weapons. This is something totally contrary to what we now know as the zero-zero option."

Mr Karpov also outlined three other "serious obstacles" which he insisted still stood in the way of an INF deal, and which he said it was in "Washington's court" to solve. One after they had been resolved, he said, could the last three months of work begin which would be necessary to finalize the treaty ready for signature at a superpower summit.

There was no immediate explanation for the gloomy attitude being adopted by Mr Karpov about the prospects for a speedy agreement. But Western observers saw it as an indication that Soviet negotiators were preparing to toughen their stand during the final rounds of the Euro-missile talks aware, as one put it, "of the political clock ticking away fast for the Reagan presidency".

Mr Karpov said that before securing Moscow's agreement, the US side would have to alter its insistence that 100 permitted remaining US medium-range nuclear warheads — equal in number to those the Soviet Union will be permitted to retain outside Europe — would be situated in Alaska, a part of the US which is in striking distance of the Soviet Union.

He said that the Kremlin had agreed to base its 100 missiles east of longitude 80 east, some 600 miles east of the Urals, and to deploy them in such a way that they could not hit either America or Western Europe. "We feel that... the US should adopt the same or parallel restrictions on those based on their soil."

Mr Karpov also complained bitterly about America's insistence that the crucial first stage of Euro-missile reductions (the first undertaken by either superpower since the nuclear era began) should be undertaken during a period of two and a half to three years by the Soviet side alone.

Washington's stand arises from the fact that the Soviet Union has roughly twice as many medium-range warheads stationed in Europe, and the US is reluctant to start its cutback until numbers are about equal. The Soviet official also stated that Moscow would demand that the US destroy its warheads, rather than stick to its suggested plan of shipping the Pershing 2s back to the US and rebasing the cruise weapons at sea.

Mr Karpov said that the Soviet side also regarded as a potential obstacle an earlier US demand that it should be permitted to transform some of its medium-range Pershing 2s to shorter-range Pershing 1As. "It is not clear from President Reagan's latest statement whether this demand has now been dropped, but until it has, and the other three obstacles I have outlined have been taken away, we cannot really talk about an agreement being reached."

Earlier, Mr Forsberg's office had said that a decision on whether to charge Captain Hayward would be taken today. He has been in custody since March 13, when the Jaguar he was driving was stopped by Swedish police and found to contain 110 lb of cannabis with a street value of £500,000. He has always protested his innocence, insisting that he did not know the drug had been hidden in the car.

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The judgment laid down that a sentence passed but never carried out is deemed to have indeed been carried out once it is "out of time" after 20 years. So Barbie, Maitre Vergès contended, was after 1972 and 1974 legally considered executed, and there can be no question of imposing a lesser sentence on him now.

It may seem a little far-fetched from across the Channel but a lawyer involved in the trial was quoted at the weekend as saying that nine out of 10 French professors of

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Reagan courts Congress over his Gulf and budget policies

From Michael Binyon, Washington

President Reagan went to Congress yesterday to have lunch with sceptical senators and representatives in an effort to persuade them to back his policies in the Gulf and on the US budget.

His unusual visit came a day after he vigorously defended his controversial plan to protect Kuwaiti tankers in the Gulf, asserting in a nationwide broadcast that if the US did not do the job, the Russians would.

Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary, told Congress yesterday that US ships protecting the tankers would be authorized to use force "in the face of attack or hostile intent indicating imminent attack". He called the risks to US naval forces "moderate".

Mr Weinberger publicly released an unclassified version of a report President Reagan sent to Congress on Monday on US plans to protect the tankers. He told a closed session of the House foreign affairs committee that the plan was "a limited response to a very real threat". Congressmen of both parties remain wary, however, and are trying to block the plan.

Senator Sam Nunn, the influential Democratic chairman of the Senate armed services committee, said yes-

terday the US was being "jerked around" by Kuwait. Replying to Mr Reagan's warning that the Russians would move in, he said on television: "Guess who invited the Soviets to come in? That was Kuwait, the same people we're now protecting."

On Sunday Senator Nunn had called for a delay in the reflagging plan, saying it would strongly tilt the US to Iraq's side in the Iran-Iraq war.

President Reagan said in his broadcast the US role in the Gulf was vital. "Let there be no misunderstanding: we will accept our responsibility for these vessels in the face of threats by Iran or anyone else." If the US did not do so, it would abdicate its role as a naval power. "In a word: if we don't do the job, the Soviets will. And that will jeopardize our own national security as well as our allies."

He also announced that US negotiators at the arms control talks in Geneva would formally propose an agreement banning all US and Soviet shorter-range nuclear missiles. The proposal, which he said had full allied support, has been widely expected since the European allies agreed, somewhat reluctantly, to the "zero-zero" scrapping of nuclear

missiles in Europe. Mr Reagan said he hoped the two sides would also eliminate all medium-range missiles worldwide. Such an agreement would be "historic", and he urged bipartisan congressional support for it.

The President took a defensive, and at times combative, tone as he reported the results of the Venice economic summit, widely perceived here to have been a failure in advancing US interests. He insisted he had achieved everything he hoped for, and the spirit of consensus was "particularly strong". He admitted, however, that America's allies had expressed concern — which he shared — about the US budget deficit. "I felt among the other six summit leaders a sense of unease about America's commitment to a consistent enforceable plan to reduce our deficits."

He called for reform of the budget process, which he said was not working. And he urged the American people to put pressure on Congress to cut back spending.

Congressional reaction to Mr Reagan's 16-minute speech was swift and sharp. Senator Robert Byrd, the Democratic majority leader, said it was "long on rhetoric, and short on facts".

Barbie's lawyer pins his hope on French legal loophole

From Michael McCarthy Lyons

Maitre Jacques Vergès, the defence lawyer of Klaus Barbie, having failed on Monday to turn the trial down his preferred path with the witnesses he had summoned, yesterday sought the help of French law.

He highlighted a possible loophole in the penal code through which, he contended, the wartime Gestapo chief of Lyons, even if found guilty of the "crimes against humanity" with which he is charged, must be allowed to step to immediate freedom once the trial is over.

The radical barrister's habitual effrontery did not disguise the fact that there is a com-

plicated but serious point of law at stake which has given rise to concern among the prosecuting counsel in the Lyons Assize Court.

It is the French legal principle of "absorption of sentences" (*confusion des peines*) which provides that when an accused person is convicted successfully of several crimes, only the severest sentence passed for any one, and it alone, is applicable to them all.

"Thus if a man were convicted for robbery and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment, and later found guilty of another robbery for which he received three years, he would serve not 13 years but only 10: the second sentence would be "absorbed" by

the earlier, stiffer sentence, as long as all the crimes had been committed before the first sentence was passed.

Barbie is in this position. Twice, in 1952 and 1954, French courts have sentenced him to death in his absence for war crimes. But the death penalty was abolished in France in 1981. So whatever the outcome of the trial, the most Barbie can be sentenced to is life imprisonment, and this, being by any reckoning somewhat less severe than the guillotine, should be "absorbed" by the earlier death sentences.

To the immediate objection that the death sentence was never carried out on his Nazi client, Maitre Vergès yesterday put forward a tenuous

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Tears as a Tamil finds refuge



A refugee Tamil woman crying on arrival at Rameswaram, southern India, after an all-night journey from Jaffna, Sri Lanka, to escape the trouble there. Hundreds of Sri-Lankan Tamils have sought refuge there in the past few weeks.

In Colombo, senior government officials said yesterday

that Sri Lanka would seek an emergency meeting of the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation to discuss India's intrusion into its air space earlier this month (AP reports from Delhi).

Indian officials have said they will fight efforts to bring

bilateral issues before the SAARC forum. India claims the group.

COLOMBO: Sri Lanka film stars marched through the streets yesterday to protest against the violation of the island's air space by Indian warplanes (Reuters reports).

Captain faces further remand

From Christopher Mosey Stockholm

Captain Simon Hayward, of the Queen's Life Guards, arrested in Sweden three months ago on suspicion of drug smuggling, yesterday faced a further remand in custody with still no charges brought against him.

In a surprise move, Mr Ulf Forsberg, the Public Prosecutor in Uppsala, where Captain Hayward is being held, said he would now be applying either tomorrow or on Monday for a further remand.

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Korean students turn on the press

From David Watts, Seoul

Up to a thousand demonstrators gathered outside Seoul's Catholic cathedral for the seventh consecutive night last night to shout slogans against the Government and sing protest songs.

A heavy police presence at the cathedral, which has become a focal point of anti-government sentiment, was discreetly out of sight. Elsewhere in the country about 1,000 students from Kyongsang University in Chinju staged a demonstration and pelted police with stones.

The Roman Catholic Church in Seoul has said it does not wish to play host to student protesters any longer since their removal on Monday, but ordinary citizens appear to see the cathedral and its precinct as a safe place from which to continue putting pressure on the Government.

At the Catholic Sogang University there were more clashes between students and police yesterday during which students pelted foreign media representatives with stones. One Associated Press photographer suffered a broken arm and a reporter got metal shrapnel in his legs after a tear gas grenade exploded right under his feet.

Police say that 910 people were arrested throughout the country during Monday's disturbances and that 59 students and 282 police were injured.

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Israeli law overrides Koran, judge rules

From Ian Murray, Jerusalem

Israeli law on women's rights takes precedence over the Koran, the district court in Beersheba has ruled in sending a traditionalist Bedouin tribesman to prison for a week for bigamy and for raping his 16-year-old second wife.

In the first ruling of its kind in Israel, Judge Gilad Giladi said: "From this day onward, let the accused and members of his community be advised:

no woman is the property of the chattel of any man. A woman has the right to refuse sex to any man, including her husband, and under no circumstances does he have the right to force himself on her."

Mr Haim Cazes, defending, cited 20 precedents in which a Bedouin's second wife had been accepted by Israeli courts as the equivalent of the mistress of a Jew. "My client had no idea he was doing anything wrong," he said.

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Gradual dawn of hope for would-be Soviet emigrants

By Caroline Moorehead

Last February, Mr Alex Zelichenok, an electronics engineer serving a three-year sentence in Kazakhstan, came home from labour camp. He had been released early, not having been due back until next summer. He returned with partial paralysis of his facial muscles, and has been told that he will be arrested again, this time for "parasitism", unless he finds work soon. But if the problems of his life are far from being resolved, at least he is back in Leningrad with his wife Galina, an engineer who is almost blind.

In 1978 the Zelichenoks applied to emigrate to Israel. They were turned down, on grounds of "secrecy", since he had once worked for the military economy. Now that he is free, they will apply again. The question they ask themselves, as do the 10,000 or so others who have applied to go — Baptists, Soviet Germans, Pentecostals, Armenians, Jews — is whether, under the new mood of openness, their chances have improved. The answer would appear affirmative.

Arrests of dissidents, be they political reformers or banned teachers of religion, have dropped markedly. Last year people were still being arrested so frequently that a reliable count was often impossible. Human rights organizations in the West say there have been only a very few arrests since January.

More prisoners are being released, too. Among the families I saw in November when I went to the

Soviet Union to talk to human rights activists and would-be emigrants was that of Mr Vladimir Albrecht, the mathematician who set up Group 73 and became an underground crusading lawyer for Moscow dissidents. He had been serving a second sentence in labour camp for "malicious hooliganism" and was released in February. I saw the family of Mr Vladimir Lifshitz, the economist and Holbrooke teacher held for "defaming the Soviet state", who is home; and that of Mr Vladimir Zinchenko, the twice-imprisoned pastor of Moscow's unregistered Baptists, who is now out of camp.

In February, after the release from internal exile of Dr Andrei Sakharov, two decrees provided for



Mr Alex Zelichenok reunited with his wife Galina after being freed from labour camp.

the pardoning of prisoners of conscience convicted of "anti-Soviet agitation" and "slandering the Soviet state". *Izvestia* announced that 140 prisoners of conscience were to be released, and about 150 others were to have their cases reviewed. Though the criteria for release were never set out and precise numbers are hard to come by, seven long-term prisoners held in psychiatric hospitals are known to have been let out. Amnesty International currently has just 144 religious and political prisoners on its books, while Keston College, which has been monitoring Soviet religious prisoners for the past decade, today publishes a new report showing that the religious prisoners they know of are down to 296, compared with 401 last August.

For those wanting to leave the Soviet Union, the position, in a fragile way, is also better. A community of 100 Pentecostals in the far east of the Soviet Union has been trying and failing to emigrate to West Germany for many years. One family was allowed to go recently; a second has just heard that it may follow them. Among the refugees, the Jews who have been consistently denied permission to emigrate to Israel, there are also small signs of change. Last month, 871 of them received visas to leave, compared with 49 in May 1986. Since the beginning of 1987, 2,296 have learnt that they may go; over the same period last year only 331 received visas.

Both the criminal justice system and legislation governing the activities of religious congregations

are under review. What this appears to mean is that the 18 offences which carry the death penalty in peacetime may now be reduced to exclude women, men over 60 and economic crime, and that the revised criminal codes could remove religious offences from the categories punishable by imprisonment. The numbers of people who now daily risk jail — for organizing study groups or teaching religion to children — could suddenly drop. The members of Hare Krishna, much persecuted in the Soviet Union, have also just been told that they may begin discussing possible registration, a necessary formality always previously denied them.

Not all aspects of human rights have improved.



Professor Alex Joffe and his wife Rosa. He may not reapply for a visa until 1993.

Labour camps continue to be as brutal as they were and the position of families who began trying to leave the Soviet Union in the 1970s remains unaltered. Professor Alex Joffe, mathematician and for many years outspoken leader of the refugees in Moscow, who first applied to leave in 1976 and has several times been on hunger strike, has just been told that he may not even reapply for a visa until 1993.

For him, and others like him, such as Mr Vladimir Filipov and his son Andrei, imprisoned dissenting Baptists from Leningrad, or Mr Viktor Fulmachi, a dissident mathematician, hope of change may lie only in one of the amnesties that traditionally accompany major anniversaries. This year the Soviet Union celebrates the 70th anniversary of the October Revolution, while next year is the 1,000th anniversary of the Christianization of the country. Though in the past pardons have not gone to prisoners of conscience, these anniversaries could possibly bring political or religious amnesties.

There is something else that appears to be changing. Visitors to the Soviet Union say that among the younger human rights activists there is a switch in direction. The days when foreign human rights groups appeared to speak on their behalf are over. "They don't want to feel patronized," explained Sally Laird, of *The Index on Censorship*, who has just returned from Moscow. "They want to bring about change themselves."

Anniversary of Soweto

Shops remain closed as South African blacks stage stayaway protest

From Michael Hornsby, Soweto

The vast majority of the 1.5 million inhabitants of Soweto, the sprawling black township near Johannesburg, stayed at home yesterday in peaceful observance of the 11th anniversary of the start of the 1976 rebellion by black schoolchildren.

Many shops and businesses in Johannesburg were closed or operating only with white staff because of the stayaway — a traditional form of black protest. For the first time many white-run companies agreed to recognize June 16 as a paid holiday for their black employees.

Most private schools in Johannesburg, which admit black pupils whose parents can afford the fees, were also closed — partly in deference to black sentiment and partly because of fear of possible unrest on this traditionally emotion-charged day.

Although large numbers of heavily armed police and troops patrolled the streets of Soweto, they exercised an unwelcome restraint in refraining from breaking up several political meetings thinly disguised as commemorative church services.

The police also showed an unusual tolerance of press and television reporters, allowing them through the roadblocks mounted on roads leading into Soweto from early yesterday morning.

It was on June 16, 1976, that the police opened fire on a

large crowd of Soweto schoolchildren protesting against a government decree that Afrikaans had to be used as one of the languages of instruction in black secondary schools.

At least 575 young blacks died in clashes with the police which continued for many months in Soweto and elsewhere, foreshadowing the even more widespread civil unrest that began in Sharpeville.

Cape Town — The South African Government said yesterday it had banned posters issued by the White Liberation Movement, a new ultra-right group, calling for the eviction of all non-whites from the republic (Reuters reports). A government spokesman said the Publications Committee had judged them undesirable.

ville and other townships south of Johannesburg eight years later.

Mrs Albertina Sisulu, one of three national presidents of the United Democratic Front anti-apartheid movement, led a group of mourners at Soweto's main cemetery who laid wreaths on the grave of Hector Petersen, whose name, as the first child killed in 1976, has entered the folklore of black resistance. Mrs Sisulu, who is the wife of Mr Walter Sisulu, one of the best known of the jailed leaders of the outlawed African National Congress and a close associate of Mr Nelson Mandela, also

attended a service in a small Lutheran church in the Jabavu district of Soweto.

Several hundred people cheered Mr Samson Nkomo, a senior official of the Congress of South African Trade Unions, the United Democratic Front's labour arm, as he urged them to turn Soweto into "a no-go area where the police, where the informers, where the sell-outs will not be able to enter".

Another speaker, Mr Rapu Molekane, the general secretary of the recently-formed South African Youth Congress, also drew cheers when he declared: "We must not pay a single cent of rent until Nelson Mandela and other political leaders come out of prison."

Hundreds of thousands of black tenants in more than 50 townships across South Africa have been refusing to pay rent and charges for electricity and water for a year or more. Last week the Government tabled a bill in Parliament which would force companies to deduct rent arrears from their black employees' wages and salaries, a move which business leaders have condemned as "a recipe for nation-wide industrial strife".

The stayaway from work was also reported to be widely effective in other black townships on the East and West Rand, but drew little support in the Western Cape and Natal.

India and China seek peace on border

From Robert Grieve, Peking

Mr Nain Dutt Tiwari, India's Foreign Minister, said yesterday that his country and China are committed to maintaining "peace and tranquillity" along their disputed border.

Mr Tiwari made his remarks at Peking Airport before returning to Delhi after two days of talks in the Chinese capital. During his unofficial visit Mr Tiwari met Mr Wan Li, who is acting Prime Minister while Mr Zhao Ziyang tours East Europe, and Mr Li Shuqing, a deputy foreign minister.

Mr Tiwari said that he did not think China had taken a negative position in calling on India to withdraw its troops who have crossed a 1959 line of territorial control between



the two countries. "They state their case. We state our case. That helps us identify issues."

Sino-Indian tension along the border this year has reached its highest level since the month-long war the two countries fought in 1962. Each side has accused the other of initiating menacing troop movements.

India adheres to the McMahon Line, drawn up by officials of the British Raj in

1913-1914. China has never recognized the McMahon line, preferring instead a 1959 boundary that gives it more territory south of the line.

In a meeting with Mr Tiwari on Monday Mr Wan urged the two countries to "do their best" to maintain peace and stability along their common border and to avoid provocations. "There is no reason for us not to maintain friendship," he said. "The boundary question should be settled through friendly consultations, mutual consideration and accommodation."

Both sides have denied increasing troop strength in the remote mountainous region that divides China's Tibet from India's Arunachal Pradesh state.

In a separate development, the front pages of two official Chinese newspapers yesterday

carried Japan's regret over remarks reportedly made by a senior Japanese Foreign Ministry official that Peking has described as "malicious attacks" on Mr Deng Xiaoping, China's paramount leader.

People's Daily and the English-language China Daily reported that Mr Kunihiko Makita, director of the Japanese Foreign Ministry's China division, on Monday night conveyed Japan's regret over the comments to Mr Lu Qi, a counsellor at the Chinese Embassy in Tokyo.

Two weeks ago the unnamed Japanese official reportedly said that Mr Deng, who has been highly critical of Japanese economic and defence policies, did not necessarily represent China's leaders and was "living in the clouds".

A soldier examining one of four holes in the hull of the West German Navy ship, Neckar, which was fired on in the Baltic.

Bonn protests to Poles over shelling of ship

From John England, Bonn

The West German Foreign Ministry yesterday called in the Polish Ambassador to protest over the shelling of the West German Navy supply ship, Neckar, by a Polish corvette in the Baltic on Monday.

The West German Ambassador in Warsaw would also lodge an official complaint with the Polish Government over the shooting, the chief West German Government spokesman, Herr Friedhelm Ost, told a press conference.

In Warsaw a short while later Mr Jerzy Urban, the Polish Government spokesman, said an inquiry into the shooting had begun. The Pol-

ish and East German ships taking part in an exercise had taken all possible precautions to avoid endangering other ships in the area.

The Neckar's three crew members were slightly injured when five shots hit the vessel while it was observing a Warsaw Pact anti-missile naval gunnery exercise.

The Neckar returned to Kiel yesterday with four holes in her port side near the stern and a blackened after-deck gun turret which caught fire after a direct hit.

The West German Government yesterday was still inclined to believe that the shelling was accidental.

Ministers tackle world drug curse

From Richard Bassett, Vienna

The first international conference at ministerial level on drug abuse and illicit trafficking opens here today under the auspices of the United Nations. It will last two weeks.

Mr Douglas Hogg, MP, Britain's Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the Home Office, will address the conference's opening session. He is supported by a team of police, Home Office and Customs officials who have over the years built up an expertise in combating drug offenders which is regarded with considerable respect in the international community. British police officers and Home Office experts regularly train and advise drug squads in South America and the Caribbean.

Britain, by allowing the confiscation of the assets of convicted drug traffickers, is also seen as one of the few countries which has legislation capable of crippling drug dealers in the long term.

Increased international co-operation will be the theme of

the conference. The drug dealer, as diplomats from several countries were at pains to point out yesterday is "a citizen of the world". He can be effectively liquidated only through joint international efforts. Britain will be pressing for more money for the UN fund for drug-abuse control. The fund has been used to encourage crop substitution in areas of Asia and South America which normally only produce crops for drugs.

Allied to the conference is an exhibition of drug detection devices. Britain is showing its celebrated drug detection machine "Cedric" as well as devices, and much advice, for dealing with those drug importers who swallow quantities of cocaine before going through Customs.

The delegations will be confronted with books of apocalyptic statistics illustrating the growth of the international drug trade and the need for urgent and quite radical action to combat it.

Seaside government for Italy until holidays end

From Roger Boyes, Rome

Listen to Guido. "Who needs them, these fat cats? They take our money and then expect votes." Clip, clip. "I tell you what I would do. I'd buy a cruise liner, put every Italian politician on it — and send it around the world until they either kill each other or find a government."



Guido is my barber. It was time I found one. Every foreign correspondent here has one, just as New York reporters have taxi drivers, and Moscow hands have dissidents; they are the authentic voice of the people. Mine is almost a dwarf, sympathises with the Communists, loves Italy's two most important foreigners, the

Pope and Diego Maradona, hates politicians and does not vote. After the latest elections it seems that Italy's politicians may indeed take up a variant of Guido's proposal. Exhausted by a crisis that has lasted since March 3, when Signor Bettino Craxi resigned as Prime Minister, they are thinking more about sea and sun than about government.

The relative balance of forces between the parties has barely changed — the only real change is in the sourness of the atmosphere — and the crisis, though absolutely predictable, is not in Italian politics, goes on. The politicians will have to agree on a *governo* — literally a seaside government — which will keep the country going until the politicians have come back from summer holidays and tempers have cooled. This is a more practical version of the Guido model.

The temporary changes in Italy's political complexion are as follows: The Communists have lost about 2.5 per cent of the vote, some of it to

CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES			
Parties	1983	1987	Seats
Christian Democrats	32.9	22.5	234
Communists	29.9	19.8	177
Socialists	11.4	7.8	94
Italian Social Movement	6.8	4.2	50
Republicans	5.1	2.9	35
Social Democrats	4.1	2.3	28
Liberals	2.9	1.6	19
Radicals	2.2	1.1	13
Proletarian Democracy	1.5	1.7	8
Greens	1.5	2.5	13

Remaining seats scattered among smaller parties.

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Proletarian Democracy	1.1	1.5	1
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the new anti-nuclear Greens party. The Christian Democrats remain the largest party but have increased their share of the vote only marginally, by 0.9 per cent. In other words, they have not won back the voters they lost in 1983 after a couple of years of corruption and freemasonry scandals.

The Socialists of Signor Craxi have jumped 3 per cent

preceding the election. Second, everyone needs a holiday. These are the main options open.

● The five-party coalition which ran the country between 1983 and this year, with the Christian Democrats and the Socialists calling the tune. Relations between these two parties have been at rock bottom. Now Signor Craxi, with a bigger chunk of the vote will be even tougher in his demands for cabinet posts and for the premiership. This coalition — the so-called *penta partito* — has the best chance of survival, but for it to be formed at all the Christian Democrats will have to become a model of Christian tolerance and sacrifice. In short, they will have to give the Socialists more or less anything they ask for.

● The "historic compromise" — that is, a Christian Democratic government, perhaps with smaller allies, tolerated by the Communists. Both the Christian Democratic and Communist leaderships have excluded the possibility — but they did so before the election. Startling changes of mind, or of leadership, can occur after

elections. The attraction of the compromise, especially for Christian Democrats, is that it pushes Signor Craxi firmly into the cold.

● A centre-left coalition. A weakened Communist Party and an invigorated Socialist Party might just make this feasible. If Signor Craxi were allowed to dominate such a coalition — firmly anchoring the government in the western alliance — then Communists could conceivably be given access to the leadership. This is one of the most enduring nightmares of the United States Government, and indeed of the Pope and other West European conservatives.

● If all fails, the Socialists could try to cobble something together with the other smaller parties — the Republicans, the Social Democrats, the Liberals and the Greens — and try to survive as a minority government, with the Communists agreeing not to pose a no-confidence vote in Parliament. This final arrangement would be congenitally unstable, and would simply be a continuation of the crisis by other means.

Holy terror

Colombo (AFP) — Sri Lankan Buddhism's holiest elephant, 81-year-old Raja, ran amok, smashing up a shop and scattering passers-by.

Four shot

Reggio di Calabria (AP) — Domenico Battaglia, a 41-year-old farm worker, was shot and killed his two sisters, one of them mute and paralyzed, and a bed-ridden deaf-mute brother before shooting himself in the head.

Arms curb

Oslo (Reuters) — Norway is planning tough new restrictions on exports to the Soviet bloc, after its state-owned arms firm sold Moscow highly-sensitive computer gear capable of making submarine propellers almost silent.

Life terms

Sydney (AFP) — The packed public gallery in a Sydney court broke into spontaneous applause yesterday when five killers, three of them brothers, were condemned to life imprisonment for abducting, raping and then killing Anita Cobby, a nurse and former Sydney beauty queen.

Postal strike

Ottawa (Reuters) — Striking postal workers set up picket lines in Montreal and Calgary yesterday to begin a series of strikes after negotiations failed to reach a new contract by a midnight deadline.

Talks put back

Madrid (Reuters) — A fresh round of Anglo-Spanish talks on Gibraltar scheduled later this month has been postponed until September as it would have coincided with the EEC summit in Brussels.

Arms scandal

Berne (Reuters) — An Indian delegation has discussed ways of gaining access to banking records with Swiss officials, amid reports of a Swiss connection with the allegations that Bofors, the arms giant, paid \$40 million to agents to win a huge weapons contract in India.

At least 22 drowned as tourist boat sinks

Seoul (AP) — A sightseeing boat packed with tourists sank off the southern coast of South Korea yesterday after a fire broke out in the engine room.

Navy and maritime police recovered 22 bodies, but news reports said that at least 45 people were missing, and possibly more. Planes and boats were searching for survivors.

Opposition finds time for voters in Adelaide

From Stephen Taylor, Adelaide

Australia is more than 30 times larger than the United Kingdom, and politicians are required to cover much ground in a federal election campaign. Not enough, however, for many in this gracious and attractive city, who feel they are being short-changed.

Adelaide is one of six state capitals, and the fifth-largest Australian city, but voting here has traditionally followed established patterns. So while both Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, and Mr John Howard, the Opposition leader, are campaigning hard in marginal constituencies in Sydney and Melbourne, they have found little time to spare for Adelaide.

To be fair, Mr Howard was here for a few hours yesterday. He appeared on a radio talkback programme, spent a few minutes parrying the challenges of local journalists, and raced through a shopping precinct where he shook some 93 hands in a little over 12 minutes. Then he was whisked off to Perth on the western seaboard, where he was to unveil the Liberals' health policy.

If Mr Howard looked somewhat grim yesterday it was not surprising. With less than four weeks until polling, the tax policy he announced last week, which is to be the centrepiece of the Liberal campaign, has failed to secure the endorsement from the business community or the media that the Opposition sought.

For voters the appeal of Mr Howard's promised tax cut of AS26 (\$11.20) a week for the average wage earner has been blunted by estimates of what it will cost in health, welfare and education services.

According to a poll carried out for *The Australian* newspaper and published yesterday, the Liberals have made no gains at all from Labor as a result of the policy.

The poll showed 54 per cent of voters giving their first preference to Labor, followed by 32 per cent for the Liberals, and 7 per cent for the National Party. This compares with returns in the December 1984 election of 47 per cent, 34 per cent and 10 per cent respectively.

Part of the problem is the chronic state of disarray that the Liberals and Nationals — the conservative parties — have got themselves into. And decent and honest a politician though Mr Howard is, his awkward manner on walkabouts compares unfavourably with Mr Hawke's apparently convivial glad-handing.

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TAX CUTS FOR JOBS

Among many vignettes of the election campaign, the message for Mr Kinnock from a small employer, during a radio phone-in, sticks in the mind.

He pointed out to the Labour leader that higher taxation would inevitably reduce his profitability, restrict his investment and ultimately force him to cut his workforce. It would therefore not be employment-creating, but unemployment-creating.

Mr Kinnock's response was to say that his questioner surely did not run his business just in order to make money. The questioner insisted that he did not go through all the trouble for any other reason. Mr Kinnock's incomprehension was complete. He did not seem to understand, or believe, that lessening the head of the firm's incentive to work also lessened the firm's contribution to employment.

There could be no better demonstration of the importance of tax cuts for jobs. During the last Parliament the Chancellor, Mr Nigel Lawson, brought down the corporation tax rate to one of the lowest levels in the developed world and cut the rate for small companies even further. Although the change was meant neither to cost nor to raise money, the result has been a strong rise in revenue.

For unincorporated businesses, which include many of the seedcorn enterprises of the economy, income tax rather than corporation tax is what matters. Although the top rate on earned income was brought down in 1979 from 83 per cent to 60 per cent, revenue, as in the case of corporation tax, has remained buoyant, with the proportion of tax contributed by the top 5 per cent of incomes higher, not lower.

There are several reasons for this encouraging buoyancy in the face of tax cuts. First, the lower the rate the less incentive to hide income away. As well as promoting honesty among taxpayers, lower rates create a new deprived class of out-of-work accountants and tax lawyers and encourage firms to pay their employees properly rather than giving them perks.

Lower rates also increase the incentive to earn. The effect on incentives has long been argued over by economists because there is also

an effect in the other direction arising from the increased value of pay packets if tax rates fall. But it is striking how the proportion of managers' pay linked to performance has risen since the cut in top rates made performance-related pay more worthwhile.

As the Chancellor begins mulling over the options for the first Budget of the new Parliament he should not be deflected from putting cuts in the top rates high on the agenda. The next Budget backed by a fresh majority must be the right moment for such a move. The political hurdles have become a little less forbidding because of the cut in US rates and the fears which this arouses of a brain drain.

As always, there are competing priorities which will have to be carefully weighed for their political and economic appeal. One is the fulfilment of the pledge to reduce the basic rate to 25p in the pound which benefits everyone paying tax. And beyond the 25p target there is the possibility of further reductions.

There is also the important question of incentives at the bottom end of the scale. A lower basic rate reduces the shock effect of coming into taxation. And the Social Security Act reforms will reduce the size of the poverty and unemployment traps by switching eligibility to income net of tax, thus avoiding the worst effects of the interaction of tax and benefit scales. But on the tax side the most effective way of reducing high marginal rates at the bottom end is by lifting taxpayers clear of the benefit scales by increasing allowances. The planned reform in the taxation of husband and wife involved big increases in personal allowances; if that is no longer going to take place there may still be a case for increasing allowances.

The scope for making any tax cuts at all is entirely dependent on continuing healthy expansion in the economy. If inflation is allowed to take off, the economy will falter and the scope for tax cuts dwindle. At this stage of the year there can be no certainty that the £3 billion which has been pencilled-in will still be available when the time comes. But assuming it is, cuts in the higher rates should remain high on the agenda.

EXPLOSIVE KOREAN MIXTURE

Scenes of civil disturbance beamed around the world are not the sort of advertisement any government wants. When that government is preparing to be host to the Olympic Games, they are especially unwelcome. Yet the South Korean government has only itself to blame.

President Chun Doo-hwan, who took power in a military coup eight years ago, has ever since faced the conflicting needs to establish himself as a constitutional ruler and to ensure that he and his party — styled, inappropriately, the Democratic Justice Party — cannot be toppled. The result, enshrined in the 1981 constitution, has been an uncomfortable compromise which has whetted the public appetite for democratic reform, while denying the one reform that might give substance to democracy — direct presidential elections by universal suffrage.

This has now become the chief political demand of democratically-minded South Koreans, and as February, 1988, draws closer — the month when President Chun's term in office is due to expire — their calls grow ever more insistent. If President Chun is to hand over power on time — and so become the first South Korean head of state to relinquish power voluntarily — elections must be held before the end of the year. Without constitutional change, these will be indirect elections for an electoral college that is almost certain to make Mr Chun's nominee president.

The Democratic Justice Party's nomination last week of Mr Roh Tae Woo, a close military associate of the President, to be the party's next presidential candidate, was seen as a rebuff to the cause of reform and sparked off the most recent violent demonstrations. Mr Roh has appeared more amenable to the idea of

eventual constitutional change than President Chun, but neither has offered significant reform before the elections — the single reason for choice now and not later.

The choice of Seoul as the venue for the 1988 Olympics has only exacerbated the problem. South Korea competed to be host to the Olympics for the same reason as other countries: to boost national prestige and gain international acceptance. But, given South Korea's domestic political volatility and the hostility of North Korea, the selection of Seoul was a risk.

The unrest, if it continues, is likely to discourage attendance at the Games: it is therefore a potentially powerful card in the hands of the domestic opposition. A similar thought has clearly occurred to North Korea, which has periodically angled to stage some of the events and so share the glory. If disappointed, however, it might resort to sabotage — and where North Korea is concerned, sabotage means just that. The choice of Seoul as an Olympic venue looks as unwise now as when it was announced.

Some countries — South Korea among them — seem able to tolerate a remarkably high incidence of civil unrest with a correspondingly high degree of repression, until eventually something suddenly snaps.

The conjunction of an undemocratic transfer of power and the potential publicity offered by the Seoul Olympics is an explosive mixture. President Chun and his designated successor might be well advised to seek a compromise on the constitution now, if Seoul 1988 is to be remembered as the year of the Olympics rather than the year in which an incipient democracy was crushed.

A PUBLIC MATTER

"It is inconceivable that there will not be an independent and wholly impartial inquiry into the way Greenwich social services discharged their duty," said the trial judge, Mr Justice Steyn, summing up the case of the prolonged torture and brutal murder of the four-year-old girl, Kimberley Carlisle, by the man who lived with her mother. The judge left no doubt that he expected an inquiry to be held in public.

Most people will have assumed that this would follow. But it is not to be. Mr Louis Blom-Cooper, QC, who was asked by the health and social services authorities of the London Borough of Greenwich to chair the inquiry, has decided that the hearings should be in private, with a public report afterwards.

He has done so after lawyers representing the social services and health visiting staff argued that a public inquiry would become a trial by media which some witnesses might refuse to attend, since there are no powers to oblige them to do so. That decision is wrong.

Mr Blom-Cooper has said that he has made it so that more witnesses should come forward with evidence they would not necessarily give in public. There may be a few such. But it is unlikely that this sort of evidence would be of the most useful kind for preventing a recurrence of anything like this appalling case.

What is much more important is that those who had direct responsibility should give a public account of how they construed and performed their duties. Lessons for the future could then be drawn from their evidence. If they refused to do so to the panel, or to answer particular questions, or if they answered them evasively, that itself would have told the informed public something of importance.

It is not simply that justice should be seen to be done and that a private hearing, with only a public report by the panel afterwards, undermines public confidence. The Director of

Social Services for Greenwich, Mr Martin Manby, said at the end of the trial that, looking back, he recognized that "the council could have taken different actions that might have changed the course of events. We had a legal duty to investigate. We did that promptly, but ultimately unsuccessfully." The public should be able to judge for themselves what could have been done differently from the evidence of those directly involved.

The public is entitled to have direct access to the facts so that, in interaction with the politicians, an informed judgement can be reached on how the professionals responsible for the safety of children at risk see their obligations, whether they fully understand or act on the powers they have, and whether they need more. The facts are also needed for an informed assessment of the professional attitudes and standards of social workers.

The chilly jargon of some social workers, their inability to use straight words to describe simple facts and situations, their refuge in bureaucratic formulations as an escape from awkward confrontations, all combined to strike a blow at public confidence at the time of the trial. The successful appeal of their representatives that the inquiry should be in private will do nothing to restore confidence in them.

They are not a profession in the same sense that, say, doctors are. But that makes it all the more important that they should not take refuge in an arcane approach to their occupation under which nobody but themselves are to be judges of conduct which seems to have no fixed points of reference. It was within the power of the Secretary of State, under the Child Care Act of 1980 to set up an inquiry in public into how the social services functioned in this case. It is a pity he chose not to do so.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Revisions along 'the great divide'

From the Reverend Robert Llewellyn

Sir, Whilst a North-South divide is not disputed, commonly heard phrases such as "the great divide" can only serve to aggravate and harden the situation. The maps we are often shown serve us badly. If you see a map of England with the North solidly red and the South solidly blue, it is easy to think that they are all Labour up there and all Tory down below.

What is needed is a map dotted regionally with small blue, red, gold, etc. circles. According to figures published today, the north of England would have circles in the proportion of 42 red, 38 blue, and 21 gold. In the Midlands and South the proportion would be 24 red, 51 blue, and 24 gold.

If we were allowed to absorb such a map on our television screens we would be left with a very different but much truer picture. Proportional representation in terms of parliamentary seats may not be feasible. But to have it in our minds can do nothing but good for the unity of the nation.

Yours faithfully,

ROBERT LLEWELLYN,
80A King Street,
Norwich, Norfolk.
June 13.

From Mr J. C. Griffiths
Sir, It is interesting to note how closely the pattern of voting in the recent election parallels the division of England in the Civil War. Then, the opposition to the Roundheads came from Wales, the North-east and the South-west, while their support was vested in London, the South-east and the home counties — with the main contests taking place in the Midlands.

If we read "Hardheads" for Roundheads, we may accept that the mainspring of the opposition to them rests, similarly, on sentiment, fuelled by geography and economics, rather than politics. I am, etc.

J. C. GRIFFITHS,
2 Grosvenor Road,
Sketty,
Swansea, West Glamorgan.
June 15.

From Mr Iain Mackintosh and Mr Fred Mackintosh
Sir, The frontier reverts to the Fosse Way, a boundary drawn from Lincoln to Exeter in AD 47 between the barbarians and civilisation. To the south and east the Tories have a majority of 175 over all other parties, to the north and west Labour plus the Alliance and the Celtic nationalists a majority of 67 over Tories.

Further north, at the battle at Mons Graupius in AD 84, the winning side was reminded by their general that it had been eight years since the start of his conquest.

Fiji rebellion

From Professor Sir Raymond Firth, FBA

Sir, Your discreet account (June 9) of the failure of the attempt of Dr Timoci Bavadra to meet the Queen raises a very important question of principle, of the relation of military to civil power in government, of relevance to all Commonwealth countries.

Dr Bavadra's Government in Fiji was, as you say, "democratically elected", and was "overthrown in a military coup" last month. One can understand that delicate and complex constitutional issues appear to have led the Queen to set on the advice of her representative, the Governor-General of Fiji, and refuse a meeting.

One can understand too how the Governor-General may have felt that some form of accommodation to force majeure was the only option left to him. But this should not gloss over the fact that a properly elected government has been elected by a display of guns in the Fijian Parliament, and replaced by a quasi-legitimate advisory council which includes the military leader of the coup.

Without the Commonwealth, such an issue of legitimacy is of paramount importance, and one expects some clear statement of principle from the British Government. The situation may have to be endured; it should not be approved, or ignored.

Yours faithfully,

RAYMOND FIRTH,
33 Southwood Avenue, N6.

Tutor testing

From Mr Michael Partridge

Sir, Your Education Correspondent, John Clare, reported on May 28 that Mr James Strawson, Deputy Secretary at the University of Surrey, believed that Surrey would shortly be the first academic institution in Britain to introduce student appraisal of lecturers' performance by means of anonymous questionnaires.

In my own institution, Brighton Polytechnic Business School, and I suspect, in all others in the polytechnic sector of higher education, such a procedure has been in operation for many years and probably since our inception.

The process can be embarrassing, even painful, but it is undoubtedly therapeutic. What is essential is that it is not treated as an exercise in pseudo-democracy but as a method of measuring, however crudely, lecturers' commitment and effectiveness and of bringing together students' and tutors' perceptions of the objectives of a degree course and of the methods of achieving them. Initially the gap may be alarming.

Yours sincerely,
MICHAEL PARTRIDGE,
12 Chesterfield Road,
Eastbourne, East Sussex.

quest of Britain, while the opposing tribes were exhorted by their commander with the line Tacitus made famous: "Solitudinem faciunt pacem appellant" — "They make a desert and call it peace". "economic prosperity" perhaps being more apposite than "peace".

Somewhat later, Macaulay recorded the famous victory for militant puritanism at Naseby: Oh, wherefore, come ye forth in triumph from the north, With your hands, and your feet, and your raiment all red?

Yours faithfully,

IAIN MACKINTOSH,
FRED MACKINTOSH,
2 Sibella Road, SW4.

Mr D. A. Bobbin
Sir, The immediate post-election analysis by politicians and pundits alike makes much of the North/South divide which has seemingly been underlined by the results. I draw attention to the plight of the South-west and its unemployment rate for the region, in excess of 20 per cent.

The obligation on the new Government to regenerate the regions is owed to the country as a whole and has nothing to do with some mythical line running through the Midlands.

Yours faithfully,

D. A. BOBBIN,
Popham Farmhouse,
Hatt,
Salisbury,
Wiltshire.
June 12.

Labour and defence

From Dr Julian Lewis

Sir, You report (June 15) deputy Labour Party leader, Roy Hattersley, as conceding that "with a different defence policy, Labour would have done marginally better", but as ruling out any significant change in that policy.

This is in regrettable contrast to the view expressed by Mr Hattersley (*Guardian*, July 18, 1983) in the aftermath of Labour's previous election defeat: If we are to respect and trust the people, we must begin to listen to their opinions on the policy which lost us most votes at the last election — defence and disarmament.

[The] notion that we might give up our nuclear protection if others did not do the same was overwhelmingly rejected.

I appreciate Mr Hattersley's concern that to abandon unilateralism might do "almost irrevocable" damage to his party. Yet it is sad to observe that in 1983, at least, he was more concerned lest it do irrevocable damage to his country.

Yours faithfully,
JULIAN LEWIS, Director,
Policy Research Associates,
35 Westminster Bridge Road, SE1.

The Ward trial

From Sir Charles Cunningham

Sir, I was glad to read in this morning's *Times* (June 11) the letter from Mr Gilbert Kelland refuting the allegations made against the late Lord Brooke of Cumnor and the late Sir Joseph Simpson in a recent book about the prosecution and trial of Stephen Ward.

As the permanent head of the Home Office at the time, I should like to endorse what he says. No Home Secretary and no Commissioner of Police has had greater integrity than Henry Brooke and

Nautical heritage

From Professor Seán McGrail

Sir, In their letter of June 4 Mrs Fenwick and Dr Cleere appear to imply that the National Maritime Museum should have recorded and preserved three East Indian men recently destroyed by commercial salvors in British waters.

The National Maritime Museum has never had the resources to deal with large ships, the excavation and recovery of which requires techniques, time and finance of a different order of magnitude from those needed to excavate boats, which is where the expertise of the NMM's Archaeological Research Centre lay.

The participation of several institutions and more than one source of finance are required by large ship projects. In addition, the 1894 Merchant Shipping Act must be revised so that the investigation of a historic wreck may be distinguished from mere salvage.

Discussions between the Department of Transport, the Department of the Environment and the Museums and Galleries Commission would be a first step in tackling these problems.

Yours faithfully,

SEÁN MCGRAIL,
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Oxford.

Lion's share?

From Mr J. R. Vicars

Sir, I am a small investor caught up with the privatisation mania of the Thatcher years. I recently withdrew £340 from a high-interest bank account for the minimum allotment of 400 Rolls-Royce shares. Believing them to be a good investment I was prepared to withstand the loss of interest on my account.

On returning from holiday abroad, a few days after the shares appeared on the market, I found my allocation was 150 shares costing £127.50 and that £212.50 had been returned to me. I sold the 150 85p shares for 143p at one of the main banks and was charged £23 for the transaction.

My gross profit on the deal was £87 less £23, revealing a net profit of £64 — minus, of course, the loss of interest on £212.50p which never entered into the transaction.

I am informed that the £23 fee is that bank's standard charge, whether a person sells 150 or 150,000 shares. However, with the banks and stockbrokers perfectly aware that the vast majority of applicants for Rolls-Royce shares were greatly scaled down, isn't this a matter which would stand some investigation?

Yours faithfully,
J. R. VICARS,
6 Broadfield Close,
Oakwood,
Derby.
May 29.

Effects of a national lottery

From Mr D. Haigh-Elbery

Sir, The promotion of a national lottery in the United Kingdom, as suggested by Mr Crichton (June 13), is a more complex issue than the simple dismantling of the bastion of religious or moral intolerance. The effect on charity lotteries, football pools, off-course betting and tax revenue will be devastating.

I have no doubt that a national lottery will be viable, will generate substantial profits and will not be bound by suffocating interpretation of the Lotteries and Amusements Act 1976.

Any lottery which is legal, honest, in an acceptable cause and offers desirable prizes only needs efficient marketing to succeed. The decline of the UK lottery market can be attributed solely to two causes: poor management by most promoting organisations and uncompetitive prizes.

My concern is that charity lotteries will suffer from unfair competition even if the Gaming

NUT objectives

From the Deputy General Secretary of the National Union of Teachers

Sir, While it is for parents' organisations to condemn Roger Scruton ("Power to the real parents", June 10) for attempting to "prove" that most parents' organisations are not genuine in their concerns for the education service, I must protest on behalf of the National Union of Teachers about his comments on the union.

His accusation that the NUT is seeking "a form of education that will be in accordance with its wishes and which defines those wishes through the sub-Marxist gobbledegook of its leadership" is an affront to the NUT's sense of its mission. I have to assume it is nonsensical.

As Mr Scruton is a professor and the leadership of the NUT merely humble teachers, perhaps the former could explain why the union's call for more resources for education — enough books to go round, sufficient teachers to offer each child a broad curriculum in a decent school building is sub-Marxist.

If Mr Scruton is able to convince us that such values are indeed sub-Marxist, then clearly most parents in Britain will at least know that caring about their children means they are Marxists. I think they would be surprised at the revelation.

Yours faithfully,
DOUG N. McAVOY,
Deputy General Secretary,
National Union of Teachers,
Hamilton House,
Mabledon Place, WC1.
June 10.

Joseph Simpson: and none has had a stronger sense of constitutional propriety.

It is, to anyone who knew and worked with them, unthinkable that the Home Secretary — or his department — should have sought to influence the initiation or conduct of a criminal investigation or that in such a matter the Commissioner should have acted with less than total impartiality.

Yours faithfully,
CHARLES CUNNINGHAM,
Bankside,
Peaslake,
Surrey.
June 11.

Level of living

From Mrs M. S. Malthouse

Sir, Mr Victor Brennan (letter, June 6) wishes to highlight the differing commencement ages for the payment of State pensions for men and women. May I point out that a woman's contribution entitles her, and her alone, to benefits.

In the school where I taught for many years there was, over the years, a family of 15 children. Their father's contributions entitled him to medical treatment for the whole family (17 including parents), free school meals, free school milk, very often free clothes and shoes, and family allowances, as they were then called, for 15 children. All for one man's contribution.

Yours faithfully,
M. S. MALTHOUSE,
159 Bilton Lane,
Harrogate, North Yorkshire.

Worthy of credit

From Mr J. M. Burwick

Sir, "They came in and bought something for just over £1", complains the shop assistant in your report today (June 4) on a new credit card. "Who would use a card for that?"

The answer to that, Sir, is seemingly everyone in front of me in any check-out queue.

Yours faithfully,

MIKE BURWICK,
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Northwood, Middlesex.

Board for Great Britain relents in its opposition to larger prizes.

Yours faithfully,

D. HAIGH-ELBERY,
Managing Director,
Charity Funding & Promotion Ltd,
Chilton House,
210 Courthouse Road,
Maidenhead, Berkshire.

From Mrs Elizabeth Gandon
Sir, Mr Ian Crichton may be interested to know that State lotteries were once quite the thing in Britain: indeed the British Museum itself — that bastion of the non-frivolous — owes its very existence to one of these excellent wheezes.

I quote from a guide book to London, written in 1787, which I have translated from the French: Sir Hans Sloane, the celebrated physician, made a rich collection of books, manuscripts, and natural history in all its forms. He died in 1793, and left this collection (which had cost him £50,000) to the public on condition that Parliament paid £20,000 to his heirs. ... Parliament ordered that a sum of £300,000 would be levied by a lottery.

The account goes on to list the disbursements to be made thus: Prizes, £200,000; paid to heirs, £20,000; purchase of premises, £40,000; purchase of manuscripts, £10,000; the residue, to be invested, the income to pay for staff and maintenance of museum, £30,000.

It all seems so wonderfully simple. Yours faithfully,
E. GANDON,
Garden Cottage,
Ide Hill,
Sevenoaks,
Kent.
June 15.

ON THIS DAY

JUNE 17 1872

The accused husband in this case of crime passionnel was sentenced to five years' reclusion — "a rigorous form of imprisonment".

Our correspondent considered that, in the existing state of French law, he might have been acquitted, had it not been for his own infidelity and the sympathy aroused by the wife's suffering and contrition.

A "CAUSE CÉLÈBRE."

(From Our Special Correspondent.)

PARIS, JUNE 16.

I remember to have read somewhere of a foreigner who, having only a week to devote to the study of England and the English character, passed his days at the law courts and his nights at the theatre. His notion was that at the first he would see the national life, or, at any rate, a tolerably prominent and characteristic portion of it, as it really and actually was, while in the second he would see it more or less idealized — would see not as much what the people were as what it was their fashion to fancy they were. Just as no one, it has been said, ever sees himself in the glass, but only himself looking at himself, so the stage is but a likeness, more or less artificial, of the society it purports faithfully to reflect. Still one does not expect the contrast between the two representations, the actual and the ideal, to be quite so violent as the foreign observer would have found it if he had happened to be just now applying his system to Parisian life. On the stage he would find the breach of the Seventh Commandment the standing joke, allusions to which, more or less open, according to the character of the theatre, are used to flavour every comic piece. It would not be a very rash bet to make that there is no farce or broad comedy at any given moment being played in Paris in which some joke is not made about deceived husbands or unfaithful wives. In some pieces, as, for instance, in one which has recently been played during months at the Palais Royal to crowded and convulsed audiences — the whole fun of the broadest kind turns upon this suggestive scheme, and husbands and wives go night after night to roar with laughter at the infidelities which married people practise towards each other. A stranger who judged of Paris from its stage might be pardoned for imagining that adultery was treated in it almost as a joke, or, at any rate, as a venial offence far too common to excite surprise or grave reprobation. It is rather startling to turn from this light and airy conventional view on the comic stage to the real life of the law courts, when such a case as "L'affaire Dubourg", or "Le Drame de la Rue des Ecoles", as the more sensational journals style it, is being tried. There is nothing here out of which the roughest thorough-going Parisian can get any fun, but the chief question of interest is whether a husband ought to be punished who has put his wife to a painfully lingering death by hacking her to pieces because she has done what on the stage would only raise a laugh. It is curious to contrast the horrible tragedy which really happened in the Rue des Ecoles with the fun which the French comic dramatist would have got out of such a situation as that of a wife on *déshabillé* in a husband's room, when such a case as "L'affaire Dubourg", or "Le Drame de la Rue des Ecoles", as the more sensational journals style it, is being tried. 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All overcome by vaudeville

THEATRE

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead

It is 20 years since this piece moved from the Edinburgh fringe to the National Theatre, catapulting Tom Stoppard into world fame. Now, a few weeks short of Stoppard's fiftieth birthday, it reaches the West End in a packaged Nottingham Playhouse/Mobil Touring Theatre production built around three television stars.

It would be nice to hear Rosencrantz and Guildenstern's own downbeat comments on this state of affairs. What you do hear from the stage of the Piccadilly is a series of comic routines, marking the Oblivion Boys' invasion of Elsinore. Fans of Stephen Frost and Mark Arden will need no reminding of their quickfire and forceful partnership. People who only know the play will be disconcerted to find the inter-changeable title characters played by two actors totally dissimilar in manner and physique.

Mr Frost is an emphatic, boisterous heavyweight, Mr Arden a compact, subdued ironist. And it leads to some peculiar moments when they claim not to know which is which. Physique apart, the production shows what can go wrong when comedians move

joke: instead you get a joke against philosophy.

Matters are not much improved by the arrival of the third star, Lionel Blair, in the role of the Player — a brisk troupier, clearly more concerned with the nightly take and the state of the company wardrobe than with the paradoxes of acting and life, which should define his place in the play's scheme.

The production, I am glad to concede, undergoes a marked improvement after the first act, partly because the play itself develops a narrative momentum with which the players can engage.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead communicates the excitement of self-discovery. You sense the author behind the characters, improvising from moment to moment, fearful that the whole thing will grind to a halt — and then gathering power, taking off into sustained flights of lunatic invention, and finally even developing a powerful independent plot running in parallel with the action of *Hamlet*. That excitement still comes through, as it did 20 years ago for the Edinburgh amateurs.

Irving Wardle



No identity problems with television stars: Mark Arden (left), Lionel Blair, Stephen Frost

OPERA

La Bohème

Among newcomers to the cast for this week's three performances of the Royal Opera's revival of *La Bohème*, the American soprano Cynthia Haymon is a Mini of modesty and developing pathos.

She carries over into Puccini's very different kept woman something of the reserved dignity of emotion as well as beauty of tone that made her such a distinctive Bess for Gershwin at Glyndebourne (which she sings again there in August), and she now made Mini's parting from Rodolfo more heart-breaking than the final tragedy.

To follow Plácido Domingo and sing one's first Rodolfo in this house meant a hard act for David Rendall. Once over some initial nervousness he was able to call on past experience of the role, at the Coliseum and elsewhere, and give it the benefit of open vocal delivery and generous phrasing, if limited in colour. But as lovers he and the soprano stayed unduly distanced from each other in emotional character.

J. Patrick Rafferty has moved on from Massenet's Lescaut to Puccini's Marcello, whom he endows with a likeable, friendly personality and polished singing, yet failed to enliven in a way that would make Rosamund Illing's continuing Musetta so concerned to provoke him. Her elderly admirer, Alcide, is sung for the first time in his 27-year career here by the versatile Joan Dobson, whose bewitching at the Café Mamma between pride in his protégé and despair at her tantrums is a joy to behold.

The sentiment and the spectacle are musically well balanced under the conducting of Giuseppe Patané. He has a knack of highlighting unexpected strands of instrumental colour within the orchestra — a line of gliding string tone here, a brass trombone phrase there — which can suddenly throw familiar passages into a different perspective and illuminate them at the same time, while keeping the emotional content firmly directed to its purpose.

Noël Goodwin

Lure of the loudspeaker

Paul Griffiths on electronics at Skinskatteberg in backwoods Sweden

to be doing something else, even anything else; and there were certainly few works at Skinskatteberg that showed minimal talent.

However, the more profound limitations on electronic music are still, in Sweden as anywhere else, those of aesthetics rather than professional competence or imagination. So many composers seem to find it hard to create tape works that do not merely recapitulate, generally in a very simplified way, the grand sonic dramas of Stockhausen's *Gesang der Junglinge* and *Kontakte*. There is, in particular, an evidently great temptation to use

the electronic canvas for big, bold strokes of abstract expressionism, with noises that may be striking for a minute or two, but are not handled in any discourse beyond the crudely theatrical.

But I make exception for two large works composed last year, Paul Dolden's *Vais* and Christa Lindwall's *Poems*. Dolden's piece is an immensely subtle creation for vast, finely striped clusters of sustained tones, where orchestral instruments provided the basic material for computer extension, transposition and overlapping; the sounds are rich, the effects magical.

Lindwall's work uses slightly simpler but still fascinating, inviting material, and has a commanding sense of form, a repose of large ideas in balance. One might still wonder why electronic composers are not intrigued by the possibilities of more pitch-based and contrapuntal structures; though if the result were to be more things like Ira Movitz's *Jubulum*, by Billy the Kid out of Siegfried's *Traumensucht*, then I would withdraw the suggestion at once and unconditionally.

Among the events featuring live electronic music, a concert for pairs of trombones, cellos and electric

guitars was not surprisingly a difficult moment: only Bent Sørensen, in his *Lexichius*, managed the ensemble with deftness. There were also a couple of jolly and nostalgic audio-visual occasions, one with the genial Dadaists of the New Culture Quartet, the other with a couple of young men who offered a miscellany of meaningless travel shots to passengers on a children's railway set up in the sports hall.

Much the most impressive performance, though, was that of the Dutch musician Michel Waisvitz, who summons sounds by gesturing with two arrays of controls and sensors mounted on his hands. Performing at night, as the light left the lake beyond, he filled the air with huge but finely detailed sculptings of sound: it will be interesting to see how he adapts himself to the more confined space of the Almeida Theatre next month.

Lyric Tudor tragedy

The third of three programmes brought to London by this company from Montreal contains three outstandingly good ballets. The first of them, Paul Taylor's *Aurore*, is rather well danced, too. Kevin Thomas is the dancer who looks most at home in it; tall and long-limbed, he moves with suppleness and has a good springy jump. The other four dancers maintain more regard for musical timing than this company generally shows, and Handel's joyful music is given a lively performance by the Wren Orchestra as support for Taylor's playfully blithe choreography.

Antony Tudor's *Jardin aux lilas* suffers from designs by Tom Lingwood and Raymond Sovey which are a bleak travesty of the warm-scented summer-night atmosphere of the original production. On top of that, the best I can say for the cast is that they tried hard: the dancing proved stilted and limp in a ballet where sensitivity and expressiveness are everything.

DANCE

Les Grands Ballets Canadiens

But, on the "half a loaf" principle, one welcomes any chance to see this lyric tragedy, one of the finest ballets ever created by a British choreographer, and one that, like the rest of Tudor's masterly repertory, is shamelessly neglected by all British companies.

If the people running the Arts Council had a ha'porth of sense, they would insist on having at least a few of Tudor's finest works mounted quickly — while those who remember them are still around — not only for the greater pleasure of audiences but also so that would-be choreographers could learn from them as people like

Robbins, MacMillan and Bruce did in previous generations.

Balanchine's *The Four Temperaments*, a wonderfully imaginative creation to what may well be Hindemith's finest score, fares somewhere midway between *Aurore* and *Jardin* as far as performance is concerned, not outstanding, except perhaps in the exposition of the third theme by Judith Johnson and Jacques Drapeau, but not reprehensible either.

The one work new to London, James Kudelka's *Passage*, is outclassed by its neighbours: a solemn bit of yearning that doubtless symbolizes something but looks as muddy as Tallis's music (from the motet *Spem in Alium*) sounded thanks to poor reproduction of a recording.

This is the best programme the company has shown on this visit, and it has the fewest performances.

John Percival



Tina Turner: "Looking out at my audience now is like looking at a school playground"

A smile and a song

Tina Turner likes London. On her day off she goes to Sloane Street and New Bond Street, where she does a bit of "summer shopping" for her sons and nips into Cartier to buy "some little fancy stuff" for herself. But her time between shows is also taken up with a hectic promotional schedule.

Her press officer, Bernard Doherty, leads the way to a tiny basement room in the St James Club, where she is filming an interview with Rhona Elliott of NBC's *Today* show. Doherty tells off an ingrained litany of information concerning the current tour: "Started in Munich on March 4... travelling crew of 62 people... not including the band... one day off costs them about \$50,000 in overheads... 1.8 million customers have seen the show since the tour began... no territory in the world where *Private Dancer* has not gone platinum... tour scheduled to finish in Bangkok or Rio in May 1988..." and so forth.

The subject of this statistical deluge is sitting on a couch dressed in a khaki, off-the-shoulder creation, laughing and joking her way through the interview in an animated manner that is the conversational equivalent of her high-energy, good-natured stage show. Whether this is any less of a performance is hard to judge. After all, she has been in this showbusiness "job" for 25 years, a 47-year-old troupier who has kept singing and smiling through long spells of wretched physical abuse at the hands of her former husband Ike Turner.

Her assisted autobiography, *I, Tina*, which has become an American best-seller, is nota-

David Sinclair meets the resilient rock star Tina Turner, playing at Wembley Arena until tomorrow night

ble both for its frank catalogue of her trials and triumphs and for its stark lack of any value-judgements. Even so, her story of escape from marital subjugation and subsequent solo success has led to her canonization in feminist circles, as surely as her stage costumes and dance routines continue to guarantee her status as a sex symbol.

She is regal in her dismissal of both "accolades", her voice dropping to a low, serious tone. "Now listen to me very carefully. I have nothing to do with the labels people put on me. As for those dresses, I wore them then, I wear them now, because they're practical for the work I do and the way I built: they're just my style."

After the *Today* interview, she dashes off to do another television item, then is interviewed by the American journalist in the car taking her to the BBC television theatre where she is to appear on *Wogan*, by which time she has changed into a white pleated skirt and top.

She finds that the reality of her superstar status has yet to sink in, but recognizes the financial security that she has now achieved. Accordingly, after this tour she plans to retire from the incessant live work and to pursue more actively her career as an actress.

"The highlight of my life was when I was doing *Mad Max* [as Auntie Entity]. That was the greatest costume I've

ever had on my body. It was cutting me up, but I thought I don't care. I'll bleed. I'll die. I love where I am. I love every minute of it, this is where I need to be. How can I give up touring? I'm giving it up for that ultimate dream. It's come to me late in life, but I'm looking at Joan Crawford and Bette Davis, and I'm going to get to that point too. I want to do that."

She takes a dim view of the notion that either youth or advancing years are an impediment to a person's abilities or potential. Her boyfriend Erwin, whom she describes as being in many ways more mature than herself, is a 31-year-old marketing manager at her American record company, and she picked her Roger Davies, not for his youth but because "he's smart". Indeed he is, for it was Davies, an affable blond Australian, who masterminded Turner's renaissance.

"Looking out at my audience now is like looking at a school playground: they're just children. There was one dreadful concert in Dublin where all the kids were getting crushed at the front and one journalist said I became like an old mother hen because I had to stop and ask if they were all right, if they could move back."

In a shimmering tight red outfit she mimics to her latest single, "Break Every Rule", to a studio audience who look anything but children, and then Wogan sidles up to ask how she keeps looking so well.

"Is it the old monkey glands?"

"Don't you start", she warns him with that huge smile. Five minutes later she is out of the building.

Family force

CONCERT

Wallfisch duo

St John's/Radio 3

The fact that one was confronted by the sight of a piano lid raised to its full extent for this lunchtime recital was surely one measure of the equality that exists in the partnership between the cellist Raphael Wallfisch and his father, Peter Wallfisch.

And, sure enough, *père* never displayed the still common trait of holding back in order to compensate for the less forceful line of *fils*, no bad thing considering the bold music in their programme.

The central work was Kenneth Leighton's *Alleluia Pasca Nostrum* which, as its deployment of both the plainchant of its title and that of the Gradual *Hæc Dies* suggests, is a celebration of Easter.

This unequivocally devout work takes up the Resurrection story from the tomb, beginning with the cello on its own, emerging, as it were, *de profundis*. Soon enough the piano introduces a slightly more celebratory flavour with its delicate sequences of cascading cords à la Messiaen.

Stephen Pettitt

though the reverent restraint is maintained until the joyful eruption of a virtuosic toccata-like section.

Within the bounds of his conservative harmonic language and the limits imposed by his straightforward use of the chant material, Leighton creates an edifice which speaks eloquently. The work is, moreover, written gratefully for both instruments, and the Wallfischs seem to revel in its spiritual world and in their own natural rapport, with Raphael producing the warmest of tones.

They were no less involved in the two works, both by Czech composers, which framed the Leighton.

First there was the Ballade and Serenade, Op 3, of Josef Suk *grand-père*, its first movement ripely passionate, its second a mixture of the teasingly mercurial and the sweetly lyrical. A minor divergence of views over the tempo of the latter, with Peter Wallfisch preferring to point the delicately humorous element by slowing the pace, mattered very little. And finally the two gave an aptly powerful account of Martinů's Second Sonata, a work of high, intense drama.

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Earning for learning

Some mothers work in order to cover the cost of private schools for their children. Sarah Drummond spoke to three women who pay the fees

The number of pupils at independent schools showed a record increase last year, despite an average 11 per cent rise in fees. And the schools are well aware that many of these pupils are there only because their mothers work to help pay the fees.

For some women the return to work means picking up a career which was shelved during the early child-rearing years. For others, it may be a stepping-stone towards a new career, which will blossom once the school days are over. Finding enough energy to balance home, work and children and making ends meet are familiar problems. The sacrifices which women make are often impressive; many settle for night shifts and less sleep, shelving personal ambition.

Term-time jobs like teachers, secretaries or matrons at schools, universities and colleges are much in demand. "There are plenty of us teaching in the state system to educate our own children privately," said one woman. "I feel guilty about it, but when I see other staff coming in with sunbans and talking about the opera and theatres they've been to, then I just think, 'Well, I'm free to use my money the particular way I want'."

An estimated 20 to 25 per cent of MPs' secretaries, some of them the MPs' wives, work to help pay for their children's education. For parents whose children are boarders, using the empty bedrooms for taking in paying guests is becoming increasingly popular. Across the country thousands of women use their skills on a freelance basis, adding to the family budget by restoring, working at antique fairs, cooking, flower-arranging and so on.

Each of the three women here combines the roles of mother, wife and wage-earner. All of them — and their husbands — were privately educated; all felt disillusioned by the state education system for their own children. None took out any insurance on school fees, either because of lack of funds, because "we didn't see why they should make the profit," or because "we thought the state system would either have taken over or sorted itself out by the time our children were ready for school."



All in the family: Jill Sisson, who teaches at a comprehensive, with her daughters (from left) Kitty, 15, Zannah, 11, and Rosie, 14, who go to a private school

JILL SISSON

Married to a civil servant, and with three daughters, Kitty, 15, Rosie, 14, and Zannah, 11, Jill Sisson teaches computing in a comprehensive in Brixton; the girls all go to Streatham Hill and Clapham High School.

She thinks she would have gone back to work even if they hadn't needed the money: "I'd have gone

bananas staying at home." As a teacher she is committed to the state system, though says that her own above-average children are best suited to private education. "And now I'm more glad than ever because of the strikes. I'm quite sure it's what has driven many parents to send their children to be privately educated."

She is often asked to tutor neighbours and friends out of school

hours but always refuses, because it "impinges on the children too much". She runs the household with a firm hand. "Housework inevitably gets left undone, when necessary, but if people are coming to lunch or to dinner, then it's all hands." The priority on getting home, she says, is to take the dogs out for a decent walk.

Her income pays for her daughters' schooling. "We get a minute reduction, about £60 a year,

for having all three of them at the same school and for their music lessons. Money is always tight. We manage by juggling and windfalls."

When the children's education is finished in seven years, "we'll take early retirement and take over running the in-laws' farm in Northumberland". She is clearly impatient: "We count birthdays and getting older as moments for congratulation, not commiseration."

MAIGHREAD SIMMONDS

Married to an accountant, and with a 10-year-old son, Timothy, who goes to Hill House School in Knightsbridge, Maighread Simmonds is a trained nurse who went back to freelance agency nursing when her son went to nursery school.

It means that she can work as little or as often as she wants, to fit in with her son's schooling. The work is extremely varied, anything from hospital wards to private geriatric nursing at home, sometimes including night-shifts. "I can tune in to working nights fairly fast, I don't need much sleep."

Her son's education is quite definitely her first priority, "and my

husband's. We looked at a lot of schools and chose Hill House because it offers so much." She is exceptionally disciplined and organized, and hopes she can pass some of that on to her son. She is a conscientious nurse, "but now I often prefer to take work with less responsibility, because there is enough responsibility at home."

"There are boys at the school," she observes, "who are very rich indeed, and have videos and all kinds of things, but Timmy understands our priorities." All her earnings go towards his education, including swimming lessons and music. "Any extra we can put aside is towards his father's old school or Ampleforth; I really do believe it's important."

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A passport to success

If the current passport delays hang like a dark cloud over your planned escape to the summer sun, the Visa Shop — originally founded to help busy people and out-of-towners avoid queuing — may offer a ray of hope. The combination of a long-standing relationship with the Passport Office and constant chasing means new passports can be obtained in a fortnight, even less for renewals. Unfortunately, they can't interfere if you are on tenterhooks having already submitted an application, but they "advise" travellers to get a British Visitor's Passport, where appropriate. They also obtain appropriate visas for any country — with the exception of Japan which demands to see would-be visitors in person. And if you are cutting things fine, your passport can be whisked to the airport to await collection there. The cost is usually £7.50; forms and details can be obtained from the Visa Shop at 44 Chandos Place, London WC2N 4HS (01-379 0419).

Balanced to win

A welcome change: *Good Housekeeping* magazine's July issue sees the launch of an "enterprising woman" award which "isn't" looking for dynamic females out to make millions at all costs while dashing around the globe, briefcase in hand", according to Charlotte Lessing, the editor. She stresses that they are looking "for women who have their priorities right — a happy balance of work, home and other interests, with a dash of ambition and self-motivation thrown in".

Candidates may be juggling their business with caring for elderly relatives or small children for instance; they may be married or single. There is a generous £10,000 prize from NatWest to be shared by the three winners — and, ironically, a luxury briefcase for all six finalists. . .

Cares for fears

A special 16-page investigation, "Working Against Fear", in the July issue of *Elle* (sponsored by the Brook Street Bureau) highlights the fact that women are increasingly worried about attack: 72 per cent of 2,138 respondents to the magazine's survey felt that they should do more to protect themselves. The special report suggests that the

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best ways of doing so include avoiding rogue mini-cab drivers, and using shrill alarms, which are perfectly legal, unlike specially adapted items like such as sharpened combs. The most effective, *Elle* determined, is the Walk Easy personal emergency alarm, which gives a 115-decibel shock to the ears of any assailant — £3.99 from Ryman's, or by post from Topline International, Topline House, 4 Bartlow Road, Linton, Cambridgeshire (0223 893913).

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"There's little point in feminists saying don't worry about weight. I admit that worry about weight is media-induced, but one feels so much happier when one is under control. When you lose control you feel miserable."

Miriam Stoppard

Cowboy cut-outs

Bryan Spain, a quantity surveyor, has brought out a new book, *Home Improvement Price Guide* (E & F N Spon, £5.95) which he hopes will be bought by women, whom he says, "are particularly vulnerable to cowboy contractors". It lists the cost of materials for household repairs and improvements — patios, extensions, decorating, and so on — indicating how long each task should take; once you have got a written estimate ("if a contractor's unwilling to give one, it's a very bad sign") you can work out whether it is a fair price. But how to spot a cowboy? "They tend to be the ones who come knocking on your door with 'special offers'," he explains. You have been warned.

Josephine Fairley

Green tinge and a rosy glow

Marion Roe looks forward to a new job in the Department of the Environment



Watching from the stalls to a starring role: Marion Roe

satisfactorily," she declares. She would particularly like to see more middle-aged married women, like herself, coming into politics. "I don't believe it's just a young woman's career," she says. "I

think there's a place for both. I do feel that married women should be encouraged to come forward, to enter the political arena. I'm not a militant feminist, but I do think there should be more women in decision-making positions in politics and not just as imitation men."

She admits, however, that it does take a great deal of courage "to step out of the front door after 15 years in which the main source of conversation has been the price of meat at Sainsbury's and whether the children are going to get measles."

The wife of a merchant banker, she took about a year to pluck up the courage to do it herself. She had worked as a tri-lingual secretary/PA until the birth of her first of her three children and had then stopped work to devote herself to bringing up her family.

Her 24-year-old elder daughter got married a month before the general election, her second daughter is 22 and reading chemistry at Somerville College, Oxford, and her 18-year-old son is doing his A levels. "I'd like to be able to show women that you can have your cake and eat it, I've had the pleasure of being at home with my children and doing the mum bit. I wanted to do something a little more positive in my middle years."

Her own route into politics was via local government — Bromley Council and the GLC. It was, she feels, the best possible experience for becoming a Member of Parliament. It took her only eight

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OTHER EVENTS

★ **ARUNDEL CATHEDRAL CARRIAGE OF FLOWERS:** Annual event at Arundel Cathedral. The cathedral is covered with a tapestry of flowers to celebrate the Feast of Corpus Christi (tomorrow). Arundel Cathedral, Arundel. Today 9.30am-5pm.

★ **LONDON WILDLIFE TRUST:** An opportunity to look at the trees and shrubs of Fulham Palace with Michael Deane, Fulham Palace, Fulham Palace Road, London SW6. 7.30pm. Info Peter Thatcher (01-736 3563 after 6.30pm).

★ **THE RIVER MELA:** First day of a summer festival of Indian music and dance based on the Mela - seasonal village celebrations which take place by the river. Lunchtime introductory talks and workshops with a singer and story teller. Bengali masked music theatre and dance. Indian food for sale. Tonight the Kumbh Mela Temple Theatre of Matsya and folk musicians give a performance at the Albany Empire Jubilee Gardens, South Bank. 12.45pm-2pm, free. Albany Empire, Albany Jubilee Way, London SE8 (01-891 3333). 7.30pm Adults £3.50, student/child £2.50.

★ **EARLY SUMMER SHOW:** Second and final day with competitions and displays of flowering trees, shrubs, perennials and geraniums. RHS information stand. RHS Hall, Greycoat St and Vincent Square, London SW1 (01-834 4333). 10am-5pm, £1.

★ **PROVINCIAL BOOKSELLERS:** Fair. Quality antiquarian and second hand books, prints and maps. The Assembly Rooms, Chichester. 10am-5pm.

★ **TALKABOUT:** Meet museum staff to find out more about the voyage of Liverpool's first emigrant ship, The Submersion. Liverpool Museum Foyer, William Brown Street, Liverpool. 12.45pm, free.

★ **BOOKINGS**
★ **FIRST CHANCE**
★ **SUMMER POP:** Third annual Summer Pops by LSO under John Dankworth. 11 concerts with performances by Paul Tabor and his wife Maud; Clio Laine; Richard Slater; John Williams; Robert Flack; Stephen Grappelli; and Miles Rogers. Also the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, The Farnham, Jacques Loussier Trio, Strauss night, and Beatles programme with Simple Singers and George Martin. July 7-30. Barbican, Silk Street, London EC2 (01-536 4141).

★ **SCOTTISH CHAMBER ORCHESTRA:** Subscription booking for 1987/88 season at Edinburgh, highlights including Operatic Gala with Johnutherland, and Peter Maxwell Davies conducting his *Obere and Under* with *Sunrise*. Appearances by Pinchas Zukerman, Oliver Knussen, Trevor Pinnock, Mitsuko Uchida and other Singers. 24 concerts. Oct-Apr. Free record for new subscribers booking before June 27. Queen's Hall, Clerk Street, Edinburgh (031-568 2019).

★ **LAST CHANCE**
★ **ART FROM EUROPE:** Fourth in series of new art exhibitions, featuring eight artists born between 1861 and 1955, working in Germany and the Netherlands, including Aund Klem and Andreas Scholz. Until Sunday. Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (01-831 1313).

★ **FAST RESULTS:** Exhibition of work by Catholic Folk for Overseas Development to mark its Silver Jubilee year, with model of a Shanty town in Third World, plus other and computer games. Until Sunday. Commonwealth Institute, Kensington High Street, London W8 (01-835 4535).

★ **Theatre:** Jeremy Kingston: *Flora: Geoff Brown: Concerts: Mrs. Harcourt: Opera: Hilary Finch: Rock: David Sinclair: Jazz: Richard Williams: Dance: John Percival: Galleries: David Lee: Walks and Talks: Greta Carlaw: Other Events: Bookings: Anne Whitehouse.*

★ **One of the most versatile young pianists currently working in Britain, Piers Lane stands out as a recitalist, concerto soloist and chamber music player. Tonight at the Queen Elizabeth Hall (see listing) he undertakes a typically demanding programme, starting with Beethoven's Sonata Op 10 No 3, a work that encapsulates the virtuosity of the young Beethoven's own playing. Liszt's Sonata in B minor is next, followed by the complete set of Chopin Impromptus. Finally comes Stravinsky's riotously colourful *Petrushka* Movements.**

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CONCERTS

★ **STERN RECITAL:** The pianist Jennifer Stern follows Debussy's *Estampes* with Chopin's *Poésies*. Fantasy Op 61. St Martin-in-the-Fields, Ludgate Hill, London EC4 (01-248 6054). 1.15-4.15pm, free.

By David Sapsted

"They had set out to go to the park to find the man who had been responsible for raping women in the Crawley

By Andrew McEwen, Diplomatic Correspondent

One of them, Mr Simon Wilson, aged 29, the Vice-

allegedly said: "I know I am in trouble, but I can give you the information you need about the murder. I killed him."

A row of top hats, champagne, fine brims and elegant fashions make for a stylish opening yesterday at Royal Ascot (Photograph: John Rogers).



The Princess of Wales's neat suit, with sharp pointed peplum jacket, by Catherine Walker of Chelsea Design, was in cream washed with a pastel flower print. She had a wide-brimmed cream hat trimmed to match.

The Queen, leading the Royal procession, had tucked a pale grey rag over the knees of her Hartnell corn maize ribbed wool suit, worn with a

This season stripes, checks and Impressionist squiggles mixed boldly with the spots that were the favourites from last summer. The crispest little jackets are in white damask or cotton.

The more frivolous confessions of the milliners were, presumably, left in their hatboxes for Ladies' Day, and the stylish crowd on opening day wore stricter styles: sombreros, and wide-brimmed hats trimmed with giant bows that were secured to sleek coiffures.

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According to one German arms broker, however, many of the Iranians now claiming to speak for the military authorities in Tehran are self-appointed. "Every Iranian who comes to us with a letter of credit begins with the words: 'I am a relative of Khomeini,'" he said. "We have to sort through these people quickly. The real Iranian dealers are now very experienced and very tough. They used to want barter deals but now they want a letter of credit from us."

A British arms manufacturer confirmed that the Iranians now generally insist that the arms supplier has to put a minimum of £3 million of his own money "up front."

CROSS

- 1 Short of tax, say. making money? (5).
- 2 Copy of a rejected miscellaneous entry in the dossier (9).
- 3 Maybe free reform of 26? Submissions made to public (9).
- 4 One of Morton's two points when fund-raising (5).
- 5 Drink six in retrospect for the tsar (6).
- 6 Confined fifty in one magic figure (8).
- 7 At length the beginning of an unlimited audit (10).
- 8 Sea-food may found in a river (4).
- 9 Come up against an objection (4).
- 10 Good chap a single parent's taking on as a craftsman (5-5).
- 11 Watchman required to repair ten lines (8).
- 12 A subtle emanation of heavenly light (6).
- 13 Note tribe's fortification (5).
- 14 Crude actors providing part of Wall's make-up (9).
- 15 With his agreement, there is nothing in writing (9).
- 16 Pulled right into 23 (5).

- 1 Hebridean island to which a French noble returned to fish (9).
- 2 He has a difficult life (5).
- 3 Reward of champion of the keep-it class (8).
- 4 Fair financial penalty (4).
- 5 House mistress has a little talk with the maid, Lily (10).
- 6 Turn up in time perhaps to ascribe the meaning (6).
- 7 Such as the Asses' Bridge triad (10).
- 8 Rome's standard of achievement of course (5).
- 13 Equipment for tea party? For the orchestra, rather (10).
- 15 Dinosaur I assume swallowed fertilizer (9).
- 17 White King's messenger goes between British rule and North American one (9).
- 18 I confess to being very tired of being wistful (10).
- 21 Message: outstanding (6).
- 22 Young fellow's betting trick (5).
- 24 A meat ring set up in Nebraska (5).
- 25 Mrs Browning's great god Pan "Spreading _____ and scattering ban" (4).

WEATHER

General situation: A weak warm front will cross the south-west of England. Wales, south-west and southern England will be rather cloudy at first with patchy light rain or drizzle. The remainder of the country will start fairly bright with many mist or fog patches clearing quickly. As the day progresses, showers will develop, but these will be confined mainly to the north-east. There will still be heavy with a chance of thunder. Elsewhere it will become mainly dry with sunny intervals. Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Dry and bright at first, becoming cloudy with rain or drizzle later.

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TODAY	AM	HT	PM
London Bridge	8:12	5.70	7:04
Abbeville	8:40	6.40	7:12
St. Michaels	9:08	7.10	7:40
Belfast	9:39	7.80	8:15
Dover	11:43	4.88	12:07
Cardport	4:48	11.25	4:48
Dover	4:00	6.13	4:17
St. Michaels	4:38	10.58	4:55
Umanow	5:12	4.88	5:59
Harwich	4:29	3.52	5:02
Walden	5:02	6.88	5:53
London	11:09	7.70	11:37
Leith	7:35	5.02	8:17
London	11:09	7.70	11:37
Lowestoft	2:35	2.22	2:40
Weymouth	5:03	4.61	5:03
Alford	11:24	6.47	11:51
Weymouth	10:20	5.11	10:48
Alford	11:24	6.47	11:51
Penzance	10:08	4.81	10:40
Portsmouth	10:27	4.33	10:52
Portsmouth	4:00	6.40	4:17
Southampton	4:30	4.25	4:30
Southampton	11:28	8.21	11:58
W. Run-on-Cr.	8:37	5.35	9:07
W. Run-on-Cr.	4:36	4.1	4:48

Tide measured in meters: 1 inch = 2.54 cm.

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia \$	2.58	2.26
Australia Sch	21.75	20.65
Belgium Fr	61.60	61.60
Canada \$	2.278	2.168
Denmark Kr	11.84	11.84
Finland Mk	7.56	7.15
France Fr	10.90	9.80
Germany Dm	3.78	2.94
Greece Dr	226	215
Hong Kong \$	1.88	12.50
India Ru	1.08	1.08
Italy Lira	2235	2125
Japan Yen	248	248
Netherlands Gld	2.49	3.31
Norway Kr	11.63	10.80
Portugal Esc	238.50	228.50
South Africa Rd	5.05	4.25
Sweden Kr	21.50	20.50
Switzerland Fr	10.57	9.40
U.S. Dollar	1.00	1.00
Yugoslavia Dn	2.59	2.94

Rates for small denomination bank notes only as supplied by Barclays Bank PLC. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques.
Retail Price Index: 101.9
London: The FT Index closed up 7.9 at 7794.5

A stylized map of the United Kingdom showing weather forecasts for various regions. The map includes icons for sun, clouds, rain, and wind. Temperature ranges are indicated by numbers in circles. Key weather terms like 'MODERATE' and 'CALM' are also present.

London 9.50 pm to 4.13 am
Bristol 10.00 pm to 4.23 am
Edinburgh 10.31 pm to 3.56 am
Manchester 10.11 pm to 4.09 am
Penzance 10.04 pm to 4.42 am

Monday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 17C (63F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F) Humidity: 6 pm, 100%; 6 am, 90% Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, nil. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 4.3 hr. Bar., mean sea level, 6 pm. 1010 mbars, rising.
T.000 meters=29.53in.

Monday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 14C (57F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 8C (46F). Rain: 24 hr to 6 pm, 0.16 in. Sun: 24 hr to 6 pm, 1.5 hr.

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c. cloud; f. air; r. rain; s. sun.

	C	F		C
Belfast	c 13	55	Guernsey	f 13
Birmingham	th 14	57	Ipswich	f 14
Blackpool	s 13	55	Jersey	c 14
Bristol	th 11	52	London	f 15
Cardiff	f 15	59	Manchester	r 12
Edinburgh	f 14	57	Newcastle	c 13
Glasgow	f 14	57	Northway	f 12

Executive Editor
Kenneth Fleet

STOCK MARKET

FT 30 Share

1794.5 (+7.9)

FT-SE 100

2309.0 (+1.4)

Bargains

52118 (58291)

USM (Datastream)

190.11 (+1.9)

THE POUND

US dollar

1.6355 (+0.0045)

W German mark

2.9856 (+0.0074)

Trade-weighted

73.1 (+0.2)

Tie Rack
up to 23p
premium

First-time stock exchange dealings in Tie Rack, the fast-growing retailer of ties and accessories, started well yesterday, opening at 195p compared with the offer price of 145p. However, profit-taking by those allocated shares saw the price close at 168p — a premium of 23p.

Eager investors had ploughed more than £1 billion into the issue, hoping it would repeat the success of Ms Sophie Mirman's Sock Shop. The entire issue was eventually 84.5 times oversubscribed.

The shares had commanded an 80p premium in the unofficial grey market on Monday.

Dawson up

Dawson International, the Scottish textile group whose brand names include Pringle, Bracmar, and Ballantyne, raised pre-tax profit from £42.1 million to £46.7 million in the year ended March, despite a sharp drop in the number of tourists. A final dividend of 4.8p makes 6.9p a share (6.2p) for the year.

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Minet ahead

H Minet, the insurance broker, reported a modest rise in first-quarter profits from £4.49 million to £4.53 million, on turnover up from £20.9 million to £23.1 million. Profits would have been £500,000 higher but for adverse exchange rate movements, said the group.

SUMMARY

STOCK MARKETS

New York	Dow Jones	2394.32 (+2.78)
Tokyo	Nikkei Dow	25738.86 (+17.58)
Hong Kong	Hang Seng	3170.88 (+41.00)
Amsterdam	Gen	295.0 (-0.1)
Sydney	AO	1808.1 (-10.3)
Frankfurt	Commerzbank	1805.6 (+22.0)
Brussels	Genl	4668.5 (+15.2)
Paris	CAC	417.2 (+1.6)
Zurich	SM A Gen	507.20 (+17.00)
London	FT A	1150.71 (+0.99)
FT. Gills		82.28 (+0.24)

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Action on Third World loans puts pressure on other banks

NatWest boosts debt provisions by £466m

By Richard Thomson, Banking Correspondent

National Westminster Bank, the largest of the British clearers, yesterday became the first British lender to announce massive one-off bad debt provisions against Third World loans. The bank is making a larger than expected £466 million sovereign debt provision — taking its percentage level of bad debt cover above that of Citicorp and other US banks that recently boosted their own reserves.

NatWest's announcement increases the pressure on the other English clearing banks, most of which are now virtually certain to make a similar move, probably when they announce their interim results in July and August.

The move was received enthusiastically by the stock market, which has long been hoping for provision increases, even though some analysts believe that all the banks — especially Midland — may now have to raise more capital through rights issues over the next two to three years.

NatWest's expected profits for the year will be cut by about £715 million from more than £1 billion last year, but the bank said its dividend policy would remain unchanged, leading the market to expect a further dividend increase at the interim stage.

NatWest said the one-off addition to group provisions would increase the overall

level, against some £2.8 billion of debt to 35 problem countries, from 13 per cent to 29.8 per cent — more than the 25 per cent achieved by Citicorp in its \$3 billion (£1.83 billion) provisioning last month.

The money is being placed in the category of specific provisions, pending negotiations with the Inland Revenue, where it will attract tax relief but cannot be counted as primary capital. The bank said the effect on its capital ratios would be minimal.

Mr Tom Frost, who takes over from Mr Philip Wilkinson as group chief executive next week, said: "The high bad debt provision ratio was felt appropriate after a country-by-country review of loans, although Citicorp's move was taken into account."

He added: "It remains to be seen what effect this has on our relationship with borrowing countries, but we will continue to play a constructive role in negotiations with them. Above all, we need to know that these countries are taking steps to put themselves in the position of being able to pay the loans back."

He said that there had been no pressure from the Bank of England for the banks to make large one-off provisions, and that the banks had made no agreement to act together.

The other three clearers — Barclays Bank, Lloyds Bank

and Midland Bank — yesterday would not confirm that they were planning to follow NatWest's example. Barclays and Lloyds said that they would probably wait until their interim figures are announced at the end of July, while Midland said that no decision had yet been taken.

NatWest was widely expected to take the lead in raising provisions among British banks because it can more easily afford to. Its £1 billion pre-tax profit last year was the largest of the clearers, while its Third World debt exposure is among the lowest. Some analysts believe, however, that the unexpectedly large size of the provisions was designed to put competitive pressure on its weaker rivals.

Barclays, with around £2.6 billion of problem loans, and Lloyds, with around £3 billion, could both afford to follow suit. Midland would face severe problems with lower resources and the highest exposure, at around £3.8 billion, and such large one-off provisions would push it deeply into the red this year. If Midland decides to make a large extra provision this year, it may choose not to match NatWest's level of 29.8 per cent.

Sharply higher provisions will damage the primary capital ratios of all the banks, although Barclays, with NatWest, would be the least affected. Lloyds and Midland may choose methods that have less impact on primary capital ratios.

Manufacturers Hanover Corp said yesterday that it was adding \$1.7 billion to its loan loss provisions, which will result in a net loss of about \$1.4 billion for the second quarter and \$1.05 billion for 1987.



Mr Tom Frost (above), NatWest's group chief executive designate, said: "There is a world perception that now is an appropriate time to increase bad debt provisions. Our action shows our determination to remain at the forefront of banking."

BANK BAD DEBTS AND PROVISIONS

	Barclays	Lloyds	Midland	NatWest
Exposure to problem countries and 1986 (£bn)	2.6	2.9	3.8	2.8
Estimated additional provision required (£m)	486	809	800	466
1987 estimated pre-tax profit (£m)	515	186	300	714

* Profit adjusted for provision * To reach 29.8% total * Actual figure

Sources: Smith Newcourt

Maxwell makes call for £630m

By Ray Heath

Mr Robert Maxwell, the publisher, yesterday unveiled a £630 million rights issue by his British Printing & Communication Corp, just three weeks after he denied an issue was imminent.

The proceeds of the heavy-weight two-for-three share issue will give Mr Maxwell the ammunition for a lengthy battle for control of Harcourt Brace Jovanovich, the US publishing house. The bid is at a stalemate pending legal action prompted by BPCC.

Mr Maxwell will otherwise use the cash to expand his group.

The news of the rights issue, priced at 36.5p a share, sent BPCC shares down 13p to 28.9p yesterday.

Mr Maxwell also said yesterday that a flotation of Mirror Group Newspapers, controlled by his Pergamon Group, could take place as early as next year.

BPCC shareholders, under the terms of the rights issue, would be given preferential rights in Mirror Group Newspapers shares if it was floated off in the next three years.

BPCC has also been given a prior option on MGN or any of its assets if they are sold.

BPCC, explaining the previous denial of the rights issue, made at the HBI bid, said the company had intended to raise additional finance through the purchase of an investment trust group.

Buying investment trusts

and liquidating them to unlock their assets has become an established strategy at BPCC. It has already used the formula with Bishopsgate Trust and the Philip Hill Investment Trust but the third deal was aborted because of the election.

Mr Maxwell said the possibility of raising funds in the US had also been examined before the rights issue decision. BPCC is considering arranging for US investors to deal in its shares through American Depository Receipts.

The company had initially intended to raise £500 million through a one-for-two issue but Alexander Leasing and Cruickshank, the BPCC bro-

ker, said yesterday that demand from institutions wishing to participate had been so heavy that it had been scaled up.

A beaming Mr Maxwell, commenting on the clamour for shares by the City, which had once shunned him after criticism in a Department of Trade report, yesterday said: "The answer is, I have become acceptable."

Maxwell Communication Corp has just completed its purchase of the Diversified Printing Corporation, a subsidiary of Parade Publications. Mr Maxwell has a programme in hand to spend more than £200 million in Britain on regional printing centres for his newspapers.

EMAP profits jump
48% to record £15m

By Ray Heath

The EMAP publishing and printing group yesterday revealed record profits and announced the acquisition of financial and investment Events, an exhibition company specializing in personal finance presentations.

EMAP's profits in the year to April 4 rose 48 per cent to £15 million, on turnover up 15 per cent to £116.6 million. The group's core businesses — consumer magazines, business magazines, exhibitions and newspapers — all contributed

to the company's growth, Mr Frank Rogers, chairman, said yesterday.

The company is expanding its exhibition business through the £4.8 million takeover of FIE, which is expected to make profits of about £500,000 in the year to end-October.

Earnings per share are up 48 per cent to 8.9p and EMAP is paying a final dividend of 2.13p a share, making a total of 8.9p against 6p.

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Northern meets profit
target with £75.2m

By Carol Ferguson

Pretax profits at Northern Foods, the leading supplier of meat, cakes and dairy products to Marks and Spencer, were on target at £75.2 million for the year to March 31. This was an 11.6 per cent increase on the previous year, but the market had been looking for a pleasant surprise and responded by marking the shares down 10p to 51.5p.

Mr Chris Haskins, the chairman, said the base of the company had changed significantly, with £132 million

worth of acquisitions and £200 million worth of disposals during the year, giving rise to an extraordinary credit of £20 million.

Total gains on disposals net of tax were £29 million, including £25 million from the sale of its 20 per cent interest in the Avana Group for £50 million. The balance came from the sale of most of its US operations.

The dividend was raised by 12.5 per cent to 9p net.

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Senators urge severest curbs in a decade

US gets tough on foreign bids

From Bailey Morris Washington

The US Senate Commerce Committee yesterday unanimously approved legislation which places the most severe restrictions on foreign takeovers of US companies in more than a decade.

The committee expressed concern that the lower dollar would lead to another wave of foreign takeovers. It thus recommended that the full Senate approve an amendment granting the President new power to restrict acquisitions which threaten national security or essential commerce affecting national security.

The amendment, proposed by Senator James Exon, of Nebraska, will be attached to the Omnibus Trade Bill in the Senate this week.

It has broad support and is expected to be passed even though there will be lengthy debate over the Trade Bill. The House of Representatives has passed similar legislation which was also attached to the Trade Bill. Leaders of both Houses said the restrictions on foreign takeovers would be retained when they met to resolve the differences.

There has been a fresh wave of

takeovers in recent months by British, Japanese and West German companies which has renewed political concern that the US is in the vulnerable position of being forced to sell off its productive assets. This is true especially in the computer and defence-related industries.

The amendment proposed by Senator Exon, which mirrors legislation in the House sponsored by Mr James Florio, of New Jersey, was initiated after strong political concern over the proposed acquisition by Fujitsu of Japan of the semiconductor operations of Fairchild Industries.

The legislation is not, however, directed specifically at Japanese companies.

Congressional officials said there was broad support to take action against any country or group of companies that appeared to be gaining a significant foothold in vital US industries.

The Reagan Administration opposes the legislation and has mounted a partially successful lobbying campaign against it. Mr Malcolm Baldrige, the US Commerce Secretary, testified before the committee that the legislation would have a "chilling effect" on foreign

investment, vital to the US economy.

Committee members responded by diluting the language of the amendment. The Commerce Secretary, under the version which was passed, was given broad discretionary authority to launch investigations against takeovers which threatened the national security or commerce essential to it.

He was required, in the earlier proposal, to initiate an investigation in response to any request from the head of a department or agency of the US.

In addition, the scope of the earlier language was broader, affecting takeovers which threatened "essential commerce". It is possible, but unlikely, that this language could be restored to the final version.

The relief granted the President in challenging the mergers was also diluted.

He was, in the earlier version, directed to seek divestiture or forfeiture of profit. The approved measure requires the President to seek relief in US Federal courts. The legislation does not affect friendly acquisitions of US companies or mergers that do not threaten national security.

Good PSBR
beats City
expectations

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Britain's public finances remained in a healthy state last month, according to official borrowing figures.

The public sector repaid £374 million, against City expectations of a public sector borrowing requirement last month of up to £2 billion.

In the first two months of the present financial year, the PSBR was £1.4 billion, compared with £1.7 billion in the same period last year.

The latest figures indicate that the Government is on course, if not running below, the £3.9 billion PSBR target for the full financial year.

"These were exceptionally good figures," said Mr John Sheppard, gilt economist at Warburg Securities. "They took everyone by surprise."

"On the basis of these figures it will be difficult for anybody to argue that the Chancellor's target will be overshoot," said Mr David Owen, an economist at Kleinwort Greaveson.

Gilt, which had traded about half a point lower yesterday morning, recovered on the news, closing with a net half-point gain on the day. The pound was also firmer, with the sterling index gaining 0.2 points to 73.1.

Several elements combined to produce last month's good PSBR figure. There was a sharp drop in public spending and supply expenditure fell from £9.63 billion in April to £8.16 billion in May.

Last month's fall reflected a lull in spending after a burst of departmental activity around the end of the financial year.

Election uncertainties and industrial action by civil servants may also have contributed to spending delays.

Spending in the first two months of the financial year was 5.7 per cent up on a year earlier.

Local authorities repaid £586 million last month, after borrowing £403 million in April. Low local authority borrowing was an important reason behind last year's big PSBR undershoot.

On the revenue side, customs and excise receipts were again very buoyant, up almost 11 per cent on May 1986. Last month's 3.3 per cent drop in retail sales will not be immediately reflected in the VAT figures because of the time lag for payments by traders.

Privatization brought in £500 million last month, £400 million from the first payment on Rolls-Royce shares, and £100 million from small investors making their final payment early on British Gas shares.

This month, the final British Gas payment will bring in about £1.7 billion.

Cumulative privatization receipts this financial year were £700 million, compared with £1.1 billion in the corresponding period a year ago.

The better-than-expected PSBR figure led to City analysts revising down their forecasts for the May money supply figures, due tomorrow. Expectations are now for a rise in M3 of 1.5 to 2 per cent, compared with earlier forecasts of a rise of about 2.5 per cent.

Germany lifts ban on Ecu

By Our Economics Correspondent

The West German Bundesbank yesterday lifted its veto on private holdings of European Currency Units, the value of which is determined by a basket of European Economic Community currencies.

This opens the way for further Ecu development and is a step towards monetary integration within the EEC.

Only West Germany had barred Ecu accounts.

The Bundesbank said the lifting of the veto reflected the liberalization of capital flows and the Ecu's increasing significance in money and capital markets and EEC trade.

The Bundesbank had previously treated the Ecu as an index of foreign currencies and banned its private use because of the general ban on

indexation under West German law. The Ecu is now regarded as a currency in its own right.

The Bundesbank said permits would be issued for the use of Ecu in foreign trade, as well as in related domestic market business.

The Bonn government is expected to approve the re-appointment of Herr Karl Otto Poehl as Bundesbank president next week.

Brierley offers £82.2m for Molins

By Michael Tate

Mr Ron Brierley, New Zealand's top industrialist, yesterday launched his second takeover attempt for a large British company with an £82.2 million offer for Molins, the specialized machinery group, through his Tozer Kemsley & Millbourn offshoot.

The offer was promptly

rejected by the Molins board and its adviser, Lazard Brothers, as "wholly inadequate."

Last November, IEP (UK), another investment vehicle owned by Mr Brierley, failed with a £306 million takeover bid for Ocean Transport and Trading. Then, he had a 9.8 per cent stake in his target; this time the Brierley Group has 24 per cent of Molins.

Terms of the offer, which value each Molins share at 265p, are three Tozer shares and 83p in cash for every two Molins shares, although shareholders will have the option of taking 503p in cash for each two Molins shares.

The Molins share price rocketed 40p to 265p, comfortably outstripping the bid price.



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EQUITIES	Rolls Royce (85p)	127 -7	RIGHTS ISSUES	75 +8
Amports (180p)	216 +5		Arington N/P	76 -3
Barrett H (77p)	180 -1		Bk of Ireland N/P	85 +12
Bolton (115p)	228 +2		Berkeley N/P	251 +12
Bolton (115p)	162 -3		Episcopi N/P	100
Bolton (115p)	106		FKS N/P	58 +5
Bolton (115p)	358 +15		Hazlewood Foods N/P	30 -5
Bolton (115p)	85		KLP N/P	71 -2
Bolton (115p)	241		Quack N/P	98
Bolton (115p)	235 -3		Rock N/P	77 -2
Bolton (115p)	180 -1		Tay Homes N/P	
Bolton (115p)			WCRS N/P	

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INVESTMENT TRUSTS

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FINANCIAL TRUSTS



Facelifts that cost £14bn

These days it is often better to refurbish rather than rebuild, in both the private and public sectors — a radical change in a construction industry that is increasingly influenced by the conservationists and planning committees

There is a famous line in John Osborne's play *The Entertainer* which goes: "Don't clap too hard — it's a very old building." Despite the postwar boom in new building, Britain has a legacy of old buildings which all too often are neglected, perform badly or have outlived the use for which they were originally designed.

Though most building refurbishment is difficult and labour-intensive, it is often possible to upgrade a property in less time and at lower cost rather than starting with a virgin site or razing what already exists to the ground and starting again.

Refurbishment of all types, from home improvements at one scale to modernizing the London Underground system, has been growing significantly as a proportion of the construction industry for more than a decade.

It is worth about £14 billion a year, or 46 per cent of the total market.

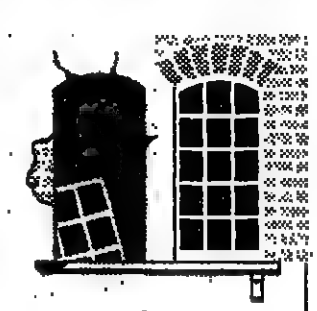
The recent swipe by the Prince of Wales likening the design of a high-tech factory to a Victorian prison is merely a reflection of the extent of public antipathy to modern architecture.

Almost any property is considered redeemable, no matter what its physical condition, when there are fears of what might replace it. The campaigning of Save Britain's Heritage, and the National Trust have been a leading influence on public attitudes.

Planning committees are flexing their muscles much more vigorously than at any time in the recent past, and the least-controversial refurbishment option is often the nearest thing to a guarantee of a fast planning approval that is available.

Today it is inconceivable that plans would be drawn up to demolish a large area of Whitehall, St Pancras Station or Manchester Town Hall — all seriously mooted in the last 40 years. Everything from the Palace of Westminster to the gate posts at the country estate of the Environment Secretary, Nicholas Ridley, are listed, and the net has recently been widened to encompass buildings more than 30 years old.

The conversion of redundant churches to fast-food



outlets and community centres, the sub-division of historic homes to country retreats and the more imaginative reuse of old buildings, such as the former Billingsgate fish market in London to a Big Bang dealing room, are becoming a way of life for the construction industry.

Eventually, even refurbishments need refurbishment, for example in the current replacement of eroded stonework at Westminster Abbey, which was part of a 19th-century refurbishment.

London is undoubtedly enjoying most of the benefits of the refurbishment boom, particularly in City and West End office blocks. There are predictions of a wholesale upgrading of commercial properties built in the 1960s, many of whose leases fall due for renewal soon and prompt-

ing warnings from within the industry that it might not be able to cope with the demands for its services.

Thames-side warehouses also make for profitable conversion to so-called yuppie flats at six-figure sums.

Yet though no one would begrudge the rebuilding of the fire-ravaged wing of Hampton Court Palace, or the £35 million renovation of Alexandra Palace, in north London, the expediency of much of the present refurbishment boom is questionable, and no more so than in public sector housing.

Slum clearance is down to an all-time low of less than 10,000 dwellings a year. This may have some strong arguments in its favour on social grounds, especially in keeping communities together. But eventually new homes will have to be built in vast numbers to meet people's needs. The refurbishment of terraced houses, maisonettes or mansion blocks for sale privately can often be justified on simply economic grounds.

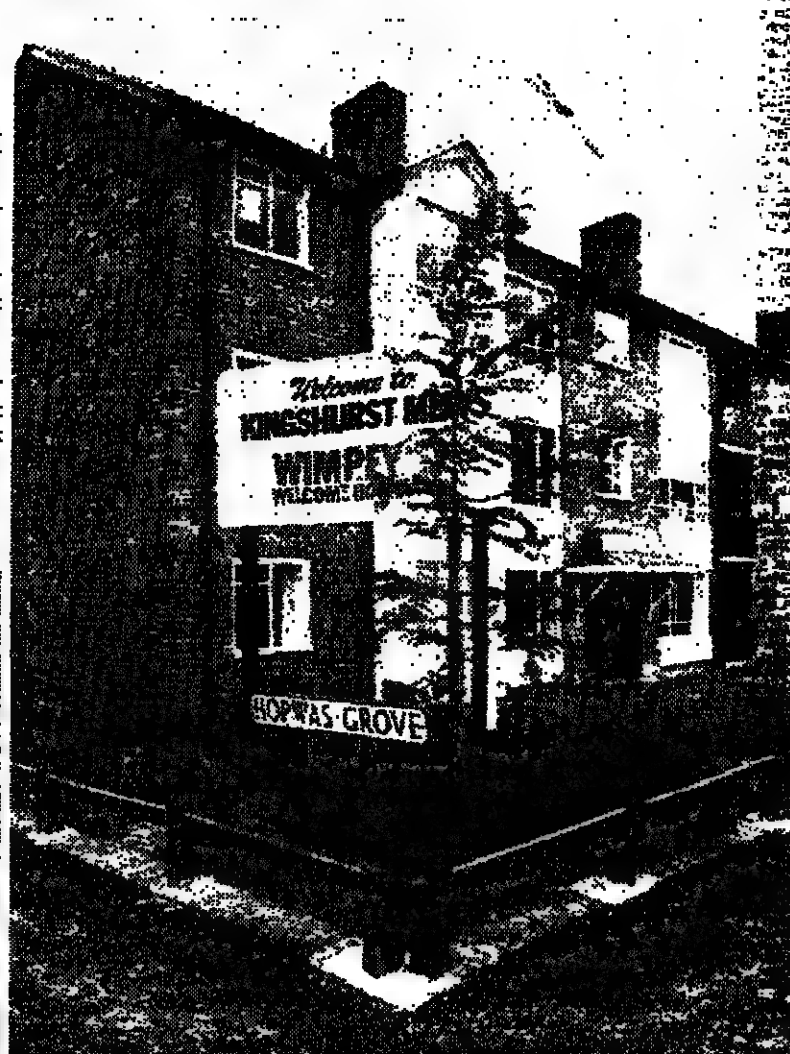
In the public sector, however, refurbishment is being used as a short-term stop-gap to try to give new life to worn-out premises for perhaps as little as 30 years. When the cost works out at almost £20,000 a unit in the North-West of the country, or as much as £50,000 in London, it clearly makes more sense to build new homes to modern space and energy standards.

This short-term solution is because of a large degree to present Government policy: to shift as much responsibility as possible on to individual owners and the private sector, and virtually to phase out new public-sector house-building, which is at its lowest level for 50 years.

However, the last three years have also seen a drastic



Before: Vandalised Kingshurst Estate, Solihull, and after, refurbished by Wimpey with Solihull council to provide 130 homes



Can business benefit the people?

With the public sector strapped for cash and a buoyant private sector, partnerships between the two have become a key solution to the refurbishment of thousands of empty and derelict council properties, which are now providing low-cost home ownership.

One of the first, and most ambitious, projects undertaken was at Stockbridge Village, formerly the Cantrill Farm Estate, Knowsley, where Liverpool City Council built more than 1,200 two-storey houses, 1,000 flats in nine tower blocks and 800 two to four storey flats and maisonettes in the mid-1960s. After a visit to the estate by Michael Heseltine, then the Environment Secretary in 1982, a trust was set up with backing from Knowsley council, the Abbey National Building Society and Barclays Bank.

Grant aid came in the form of £11 million of urban programme and Derelict Land Grant, and £11.5 million aid from the Housing Corporation. Public-sector investment totalled about £22.5 million, which was almost matched by private-sector contributions of £21 million.

For the tenants it meant a massive overhaul of the whole estate, security of

THE PRIVATE SECTOR

tenure and opportunities under the Government's right-to-buy scheme, including discounts. The local authority was relieved of the responsibility for refurbishment, which it could not afford, and the private sector made a profit on its investment.

Julian Murray, the divisional director of Wimpey Homes responsible for urban renewal, says: "Usually local authorities are short of funds to undertake the necessary repair work and have a high number of flats which are vacant or derelict and sometimes the wrong type of housing for their needs or surplus to their requirement."

Wimpey Homes, like most of the leading developers that have moved into this market, undertake the work, agrees prices with the councils, then sells to council nominees, including those on waiting lists.

At Buchanan's Wharf, Bristol, Lovell have restored an old grain wharf complex with Bristol City Council and the Bristol

and West Housing Association. The warehouse will provide 62 homes, a further 100 are being built on neighbouring land.

The transfer of vandalized and derelict council estates to the private sector for sale as luxury housing has caused political rows but is another option being pursued. One of the most successful developers in this is Regalian Properties, which began by buying 300 flats from Wandsworth Council, London, in 1984 and refurbishes them to go on the market at about £60,000 each. The properties have risen in value by 100 per cent in four years.

Local authorities can spend up to 20 per cent of capital receipts in any one year in providing new homes or refurbishing other estates.

At the other end of the scale for the luxury market, four pilot projects are being carried out under the Neighbourhood Revitalization Services scheme, launched by the National Home Improvement Council in 1983, intended to tackle housing renewals of large areas through partnerships between the public and private sectors.

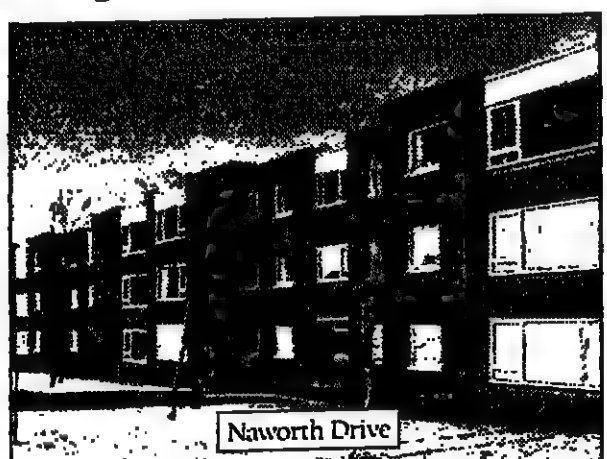
Charles Knevit
Architecture Correspondent

Like all Chairmen of Housing Committees, Councillor Hugh White had a limited budget. Yet Newcastle City Council had to refurbish thousands of homes that had old and costly heating systems.

"Freezing flats, high fuel bills and severe condensation had created unbearable living conditions for our tenants, many of whom are elderly", Hugh White told us.

So Newcastle City Council approached North Eastern Electricity's Eric Coxall about the DEN 3 package.

Based on a new-style electric storage heating and water heating system, the DEN 3



package would be quick and economical to install. They wouldn't even have to rehouse the tenants while the work was carried out.

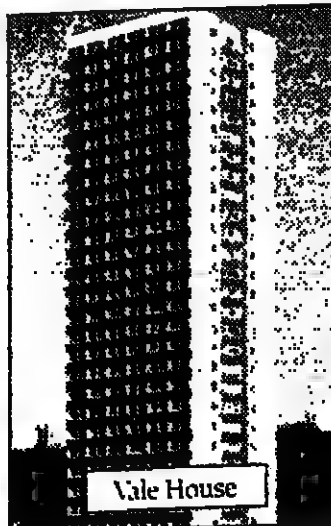
And since it makes the most of Economy 7

night time electricity — which is less than half price compared with today's standard domestic rate — it would also be economical to run.

But before they could convert the flats, they had to convert the tenants.

As Hugh White remembers, "There was a lot of scepticism about electric heating but we managed to prove its worth".

"We set up a show flat so the tenants could see the benefits of Economy 7 for themselves", Eric Coxall explained. "And attitudes gradually changed".



When Hugh White became involved with DEN 3, it wasn't only high-rise flats that were converted.



Eric Coxall
Energy Marketing Engineer
North Eastern Electricity Board

Councillor Hugh White
Chairman of Newcastle's Housing Committee

The rest, as they say, is history.

To date, Newcastle's DEN 3 package has brought warmth and comfort to well over 3,000 households. As well as virtually eliminating any condensation and drastically cutting heating bills.

In fact now, many tenants are finding their total energy costs are working out to as little as £5 per week.

And at a cost of around £2,300 per flat using the DEN 3 package, Newcastle City Council feel this was money well spent.

"DEN 3 is proving that electricity really can do the job", says Hugh White happily.

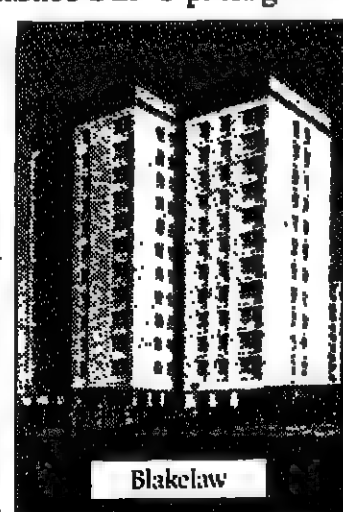
And the tenants' reaction?

Eric Coxall tells us, "They're very happy. They've got well heated homes with affordable running costs — and who can argue with that?"

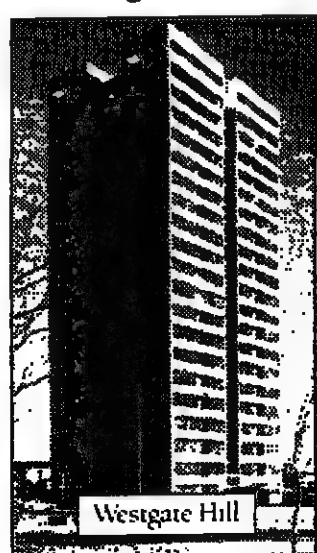
"We've had some nice thank you letters", adds Hugh White. "And you don't get those very often".

His advice to other local authorities and housing associations with similar problems was simple:

"Come and see what we've done. Or better still, ask the tenants!"



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A brighter new style for the stores and offices

SHOPPING CENTRES

Most retail developers and owners are embarking on refurbishment programmes to add to their stock of shopping centres. Many also take the opportunity to extend them to cope with the mass of new retailers who want to be represented in all key locations.

Hillier Parker, the property consultants, estimates that refurbishment schemes account for 20 per cent of all the shopping floor-space development now taking place.

There are three main types of existing conventional shopping centres, representing the changing fashions.

First, there are the open centres from the 1950s and 1960s, generally pedestrianized but otherwise modelled on the traditional high street. Examples include Sunderland, Grimsby and Basildon, where previously open centres are being covered over.

In most cases, this consists of a lightweight glazed steel frame over the previously

open streets, but in the case of Basildon, the architect, Michael Hopkins, has devised a membrane tent structure.

Second come the covered centres from the late 1960s right through to the early 1980s. These consist of enclosed malls of small and medium-size shops, generally on one or two levels, linking two or three "anchor" department stores.

Sunlight is rigorously excluded on the principle (now discredited) that gloomy malls focus the shopper's attention on bright shopfronts, making them more inclined to buy.

The competition such older centres face comes not just from big out-of-town developments, but from the newest type of town-centre scheme.

The Ridings Centre in Wakefield, by architects Chapman Taylor and interiors by Fitch and Co, is an example of the glitzy new "fun palace" approach, where emphasis is placed on shopping as a leisure-oriented activity rather than a chore.

This can be contrasted with the older-style Eldon Square centre in Newcastle upon Tyne by the same architects. Refurbishment involves cut-

ting holes in the roof to let the light in, as well as an extension in a more up-to-date style.

In London, in particular, former department stores are being refurbished in the new manner. The flagship Debenhams store in Oxford Street is now trading, after a refurbishment by Fitch.

Whiteleys, of Bayswater, and Bentalls, in Kingston, are being built behind existing facades as multi-level shopping centres by Building Design Partnership. Barkers of Kensington is nearing the end of its conversion to shops and offices by architects Fitzroy Robinson Partnership.

The old Bourne and Hollingsworth store in Oxford Street is undergoing a similar transformation.

COMMERCIAL OFFICES

The outlook for commercial office refurbishment is distorted by the immense amount of fundamental work being carried out in the City of London. The highly specialized requirements of financial and commodities trading institutions

are concentrated in four main cities — London, New York, Chicago and Tokyo.

Nevertheless, what happens in the City contains points for other UK office buildings.

Five years ago *Orbit*, an influential report sponsored by American and British companies, predicted that many office buildings would soon be obsolete as a result of the demands of new technology.

The prediction has come true in the City, where a cluster of 1960s office towers along London Wall is soon to be demolished and replaced with new buildings more suited to City traders.

Other demolitions of recent buildings will follow.

The problem is that office buildings from the 1960s and 1970s tend to be merely built, with low ceilings, small floors and narrow ducts.

The City market-place, in contrast, now demands huge open trading areas, raised floors and lofty ceilings to accommodate all the cabling and air-conditioning required.

A building completed as recently as 1984 — 1 Finsbury Avenue, by Arup Associates — has already had a refit to accommodate the needs of electronic dealers.

Dr Frank Duffy, of architects and space planners DEGWA, was one of the authors of the original *Orbit* report. He says that even in more conventional office buildings outside the City the heat produced by personal computers can lead to the need for additional cooling equipment, precipitating either a major refurbishment or a move out.



Murals brighten up the Tube

The need for cooling has increased by at least 10 times in the City in the past 20 years, he says.

Buildings outside the City where concentrations of computer equipment are installed face similar problems.

Dr Duffy and others say that only the shell of a modern office building lasts 50 to 60 years. The services — heating, ventilation, air-conditioning — need to be renewed probably every 15 years, and the physical fitting-out of offices as often as every five years.

Dr Duffy adds: "There is a rather painful need to adapt premises. And it is expensive: the order of costs between refurbishment and new-build is often not too different."

He cites as an example the total refurbishment of a 1960s building in Brentford that DEGWA helped to carry out for Wang, the computer group.

The buildings were stripped to its concrete skeleton and given a new energy-efficient skin. Faced with low ceilings, the solution was a fixed arrangement of desks, incorporating routeways for cabling and cooling ducts.

Hugh Pearman

Travel versus history

TRANSPORT BUILDINGS

British Rail and London Underground face similar problems in modernizing their stations, writes Hugh Pearman. The need for efficient service is sometimes at odds with the desire to retain or enhance historic features.

Nowhere is this more apparent than at St Pancras station, London, where repeated attempts to remove the timber-panelled booking hall were resisted by the conservation lobby. A compromise was reached — the hall remained, but was moved.

Next there is a scheme to recreate the St Pancras Hotel in the station's Victorian frontage. The hotel, now empty, had been used as offices since 1935. Developers Speyhawk and architects YRM are behind the scheme.

Another former BR hotel is to be restored. As staff move out of BR's Marylebone Road headquarters, the listed building is to become once again the Grand Central Hotel.

BR is spending £2 billion in the next five years on improv-

ing stations, £290 million of it on main terminals.

Outside London, ambitious refurbishments have recently been completed at Watford, Crewe, Newcastle upon Tyne and Liverpool Lime Street. At Newcastle a high-tech booking hall has successfully been introduced into the cast-iron train shed.

London's Liverpool Street station, however, is largely to disappear in two phases of the Broadgate office development that has almost seen off Broad Street station next door. Only the listed Western Train Shed is to be incorporated in the new office city, which is costed in total at £642 million.

London Underground has encountered conservationists' wrath over its rapid programme of modernization in central London tube stations. Eighty-five stations have been upgraded or are being worked on, at a true cost of more than £100 million since the programme began in 1981. Sixty-five stations are still to be tackled before the early 1990s. The objections are that the stations' historic character are being torn out: one Edwardian station, Mornington Crescent, has just been listed.

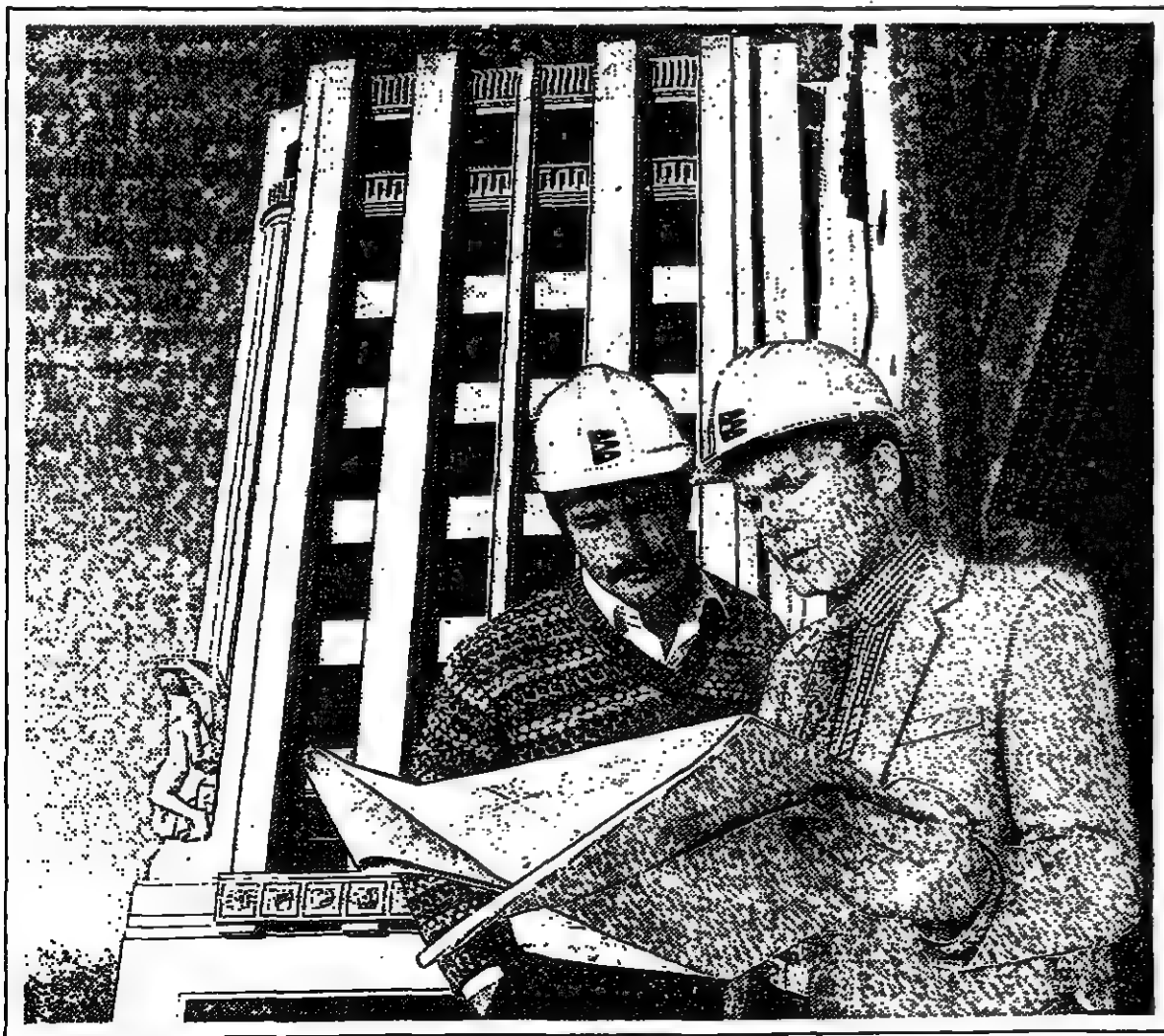
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Architect John Thompson, centre, with residents of the Maiden Lane Estate in Camden. More than physical improvements are needed to improve the complex, he says

How to help the four million

With half of Britain's 20 million homes more than 50 years old, it is not surprising to find that four million are in a serious state of disrepair, writes Charles Kneivt. Of the 4½ million homes in the public sector, local authorities classify more than 300,000 as difficult to let and perhaps a million as difficult to manage.

But the deterioration of council estates is not confined to the oldest properties. A report by the National Consumer Council published in 1982 identified the most common faults in postwar buildings as rising damp, leaks, defective windows, cladding and brickwork, dangerous concrete panels and beams, dry rot, wall subsidence, severe condensation and inadequate heating.

The survey discovered walls streaming with water, mould and fungus growth, cracks and holes around doors and windows and broken plaster. It concluded: "While those involved in putting up the buildings squabbled over who was responsible for the faults and who was liable to pay compensation, tenants had to live in appalling living conditions, where were sometimes downright dangerous."

Certain types of structures pose special problems. For example, the 12 million buildings with solid walls often require external insulation to be applied as part of a refurbishment programme, to reduce heat loss and condensation problems caused, in part, by modern appliances, such as washing machines.

Tower blocks, too, can suffer similar problems. The Department of Health and Social Security pays out £400 million a year in fuel subsidies, and the costly re-cladding of low, medium and high-rise housing is one way of ensuring continued life for buildings which would otherwise have to be razed.

Councils trying to remedy the situation through their stringent Housing

PUBLIC SECTOR

Investment Programme allocations from central government, are being encouraged to broaden the scope of their refurbishment of existing housing stock under the Estate Action scheme, launched two years ago as the Urban and Housing Renewal Unit (UHRU).

An integral part of the exercise is to encourage local authorities to implement government recommendations on tenant consultation and to introduce estate-based management.

The stigma of living on a council estate is also overcome, in part, by ensuring a mix of tenure so that, for example, empty properties are sold to private developers for refurbishment and sale.

The main emphasis now is on housing homeless people

Often there is a partnership whereby the developer might be allocated 50 flats to improve at his own cost. On completion, he keeps half for sale and hands the balance to the council for its tenants.

Estate Action supports tenant and management co-operatives and, since last summer, a special emphasis has been placed on housing the homeless.

Any local authority can now take part, which has led to over-subscription. About 140 schemes were approved last year and £45 million was allocated.

New types of ownership and management are also being explored through housing associations and tenant committees on estates. Hunt Thompson Associates, the community architects who successfully refurbished the Lea View Estate in Hackney, east London, are carrying out a similar exercise at

nearby Navarino Mansions, designed by the same original architects as Lea View.

Here, and at Sandringham Buildings East, in central London, where they are refurbishing the block to provide 120 flats at a cost of more than £40,000 each, they have set up an office in one of the vacant flats to liaise with tenants.

Their approach to tenant participation won them the job, in competition with other practices, from the Sobo Housing Association.

John Thompson, a partner in the firm, emphasizes the need to carry out more than simply physical improvements in such refurbishments.

The most dramatic example of what can go wrong with recently completed housing is at Maiden Lane, Camden, north London, where the architects have been commissioned to carry out a social survey of the 500-household estate. Hunt Thompson has its own social research unit to establish the wishes of residents before any plans are drawn up.

The estate, designed by Camden Council's architect department in the 1970s, was hailed by the *Architectural Review* in 1983 as "representing the very best in British housing." The tenants take a different view, as leaking roofs, condensation and the provision of "muggers' alleys" have made their lives hell.

New approaches to the way estates are designed, managed and refurbished are being pursued throughout the public and voluntary sector, with central government playing a leading role through its leverage on housing finance and by spreading the gospel of best practice in pioneering projects.

But there is still a considerable way to go for the inherited problems of Britain's public-sector housing, brought on by decades of neglect, bad design and bad management, are tackled on anything like a large enough scale.

Flat not a house under repair power

Regina v Lambeth London Borough Council, Ex parte Clayhorne Properties Ltd.
Before Lord Justice Kerr, Lord Justice Giddwell and Sir George Waller
(Judgment June 11)

For the purposes of Part II of the Housing Act 1957 a flat in a block was a "part of a building" but was not a "house". Although a leaseholder could be required to carry out works of repair to his particular flat under a repairs notice served on him by a local authority under section 9 of the Housing Act 1957 he could not be so required to carry out repairs to the roof and common parts of the block.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the applicant, Clayhorne Properties Ltd, from Mr Justice Hodgson who rejected an application for judicial review to compel Lambeth Borough Council to pay mandatory grants on the basis that repairs notices were valid.

The applicant owned the freehold of a block of 20 flats, 14 of which were let on long leases and six were let on protected tenancies. The block required substantial repairs, both to the individual flats, and, more particularly, to the roof and common parts of the building.

In 1984 the local authority, Lambeth Borough Council, aware of the difficulties of securing repairs notices in relation to such blocks of flats that had become apparent from *Pollway Nominees Ltd v Croydon London Borough Council* (1984) 1986 (1) AC 799 decided to class each of the flats in the block as a "house" for the purposes of Part II of the 1957 Act, it having been noted by the local authority that section 189 of the 1957 Act defined "house" to include "any yard, garden, out-house, and appurtenances belonging thereto or usually enjoyed therewith".

Thus in March 1984 the local authority served notices under section 9(1A) of the 1957 Act, as inserted by section 72 of the Housing Act 1969, on each of the leaseholders of the flats and on the applicant in respect of each tenanted flat. To each notice there was attached a schedule listing the works to be carried out under Part II internal repairs to

any one particular flat and Part II external repairs to the block and internal repairs to the common parts of it.

Thereafter the applicant, the tenants and the leaseholders cooperated in applying to the local authority for mandatory repair grants under section 71 of the Housing Act 1974.

The local authority refused the grant applications after having taken a decision that all the section 9(1A) notices were invalid. The applicant sought judicial review to compel the local authority to pay the grants.

Section 9(1A) in Part II of the Housing Act 1957 (now section 190 in Part VI of the Housing Act 1985) provides that where the local authority "are satisfied that a leaseholder is in a state of disrepair that, although it is not unfit for human habitation, substantial repairs are required to bring it up to a reasonable standard, having regard to its age, character and locality, they may serve upon the person having control of the house a notice requiring him to execute the works specified in the notice."

Section 18(1) of the 1957 Act (now section 205 of the 1985 Act) provides that an authority may make the like proceedings in relation to (a) any part of a building which is used, or is suitable for use, as a dwelling... as they are empowered to make in relation to a house.

Section 189 of the 1957 Act (now section 207 of the 1985 Act) defines "house" as including "any yard, garden, out-house, and appurtenances belonging thereto or usually enjoyed therewith".

That definition of "house" excluded a "part of a building" for the purposes only of Part V of the 1957 Act and not for the purposes of Part II.

Sections 71 and 71A of the Housing Act 1974 (now sections 189 and 190 of the 1985 Act) provide that once a section 9(1A) notice has been served and an application for a repairs grant to do the works required has been made, the local authority are compelled to make the grant.

Mr John Colyer, QC and Mr

Roger Cooke for the applicant; Mr Andrew Arden and Miss Caroline Hunter for the local authority.

LORD JUSTICE GLIDEWELL said that the applicant accepted that the grants were only payable if the section 9(1A) notices were valid. Mr Colyer put forward two alternative arguments that the notices were valid.

The first depended on his proposition that each flat in the block was a "house" within Part II of the 1957 Act. If that was so, he said, then (a) by section 189 "house" included appurtenances, (b) the leaseholders had rights of support and shelter relating to walls, roof and passages. If the applicant declined to honour obligations to keep the roof, walls and passages under repair, leaseholders might carry out the repairs. The easements were "appurtenances" to, and thus part of, each flat within the definition. Thus a notice requiring repair of common parts related to the "house". (c) Alternatively if the easements were not "appurtenances" the leaseholders had the right to do the repairs. Under section 9(1A) the repairs the subject of the notice need not be repairs to the "house".

The second proceeded on the ground that a flat was not a "house". Then, Mr Colyer said, (a) each flat was part of a building used as a dwelling, (b) since the section 189 definition applied only to a house, the "appurtenances" way was closed, but point (c) under the previous argument led to the same conclusion.

Mr Justice Hodgson was correct to hold that a flat was not a "house". A "house" meant a separate building. It might contain one dwelling or more than one. Whether a purpose-built block of flats was a "house" was a question of fact and no opinion would be expressed as to whether or not this block was a "house".

Thus it was unnecessary to consider whether the easement of shelter and support were "appurtenances" as entry to the first argument was barred to the applicant.

Turning to the second, it was accepted that under section 18 of the 1957 Act repairs notices could validly be served on leaseholders under section 9(1A) in respect of repairs to their flats. The issue was whether those notices could also require repairs to be done to parts of the building not within the demise.

On that, Mr Arden said that a local authority could serve notices on the "person having control" as he was the person who could and normally would and should undertake the repairs. In relation to the roof and common parts, that was the freeholder, the applicant. The fact that by contrast a leaseholder had power to do the works in default did not make him a "person having control".

That argument was accepted. A section 9(1A) notice in relation to works on the roof and common parts could not be served on leaseholders of flats.

Mr Colyer further argued that even if the conclusion above was reached, the notices should not be held to be invalid and the part requiring the leaseholders to do work which they could not be required to do should be severed.

That was unacceptable. Clearly the purpose of the notices was to ensure all the work was done. The work to the roof and common parts was by far the major part. Whether the local authority would have served on leaseholders notices requiring only works to be done to the flats had to be in doubt. Neither the Court of Appeal nor Mr Justice Hodgson had before them material on which the notices could be severed. The county court could have done so had an appeal against the notices been there pursued.

A declaration that the notices were valid should not be made and the judge was right to dismiss the application.

Lord Justice Kerr delivered a concurring judgment and Sir George Waller agreed.

Solicitors: Bernstein & Co, Stoke Newington; Mr R. G. Broomfield, Brixton.

Failure to return justifies dismissal

Dowson v John Lewis plc
Before Lord Justice Slade, Lord Justice Balcombe and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson
(Judgment June 12)

An employee whose employers refused to take her back after she failed to return to work at the end of a period of maternity leave which had been extended by a week's holiday entitlement was not entitled to complain that she had been unfairly dismissed.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the employee, Mrs Maku Dowson, from the decision of the Employment Appeal Tribunal on June 17, 1986 (1986) ICR 797 to dismiss her appeal from a London industrial tribunal's rejection of her claim that she had been unfairly dismissed by her employers, John Lewis plc.

Mr Andrew Nicol for the employee; Mr G. Trevelton-Jones for the employers.

LORD JUSTICE BALCOMBE said that in the autumn of 1983 the employee was pregnant with twins. Her expected date of confinement being May 8, 1984. She notified her employers that she had decided to continue working after the birth and wished to take up her maternity leave option.

The pregnancy was difficult and the twins were born prematurely on February 24, 1984. Unhappily one died at birth and even after their discharge from hospital both the employee and

her surviving baby were unwell.

The premature birth affected the original time scale of leave, and on June 6, 1984, the employers wrote to the employee saying that it had been agreed that the employee should have two weeks holiday at the end of her maternity leave, that she would then have a further two weeks holiday starting June 25, leaving one week to take before returning to work, and that, as her date of return was September 10, she should return on September 17, 1984.

On September 12 the employee sent her employers a sick note recommending a month's absence. Under section 47(3) of the Employment Protection (Consolidation) Act 1978 that entitled the employee to postpone her return to work by a maximum of four weeks, but that was a right which could only be exercised once.

The result was to postpone the date the employee was due to return to work to October 5, to which was to be added a week's leave, making the final date October 12, 1984.

The employee did not return on October 12, maintaining that she was still unwell, and the employers refused thereafter to take her back. She claimed that she had been unfairly dismissed.

It was argued that, because of the agreed one week's holiday entitlement added on to the end of her maternity leave, when the

employee failed to return to work she was not failing to return at the end of her maternity leave, but was in the position of somebody who failed to return to work at the end of a holiday.

The relevant statutory provisions had been characterized as being of "inordinate complexity exceeding the worst excesses of a taxing statute": see *Lavery v Plessey Telecommunications Ltd* (1983) ICR 373, 379.

The employee's contract of employment continued after she had ceased to work before her confinement. That was the inevitable consequence of the employers' scheme for paid leave within the period of maternity leave.

The employee's right to extend the period of leave by taking on a period of holiday entitlement to the period of maternity leave stemmed from her basic terms of employment and the employers' agreement to her proposal as to holidays.

Nevertheless, the employee's exercise of that contractual right in the particular circumstances of the present case was the exercise of a contractual right to return to work within the meaning of section 48 of the 1978 Act.

The employee's submissions required the court to assume that she notionally returned to work at the end of her maternity leave on October 8, 1984, and thereafter immediately departed on a week's holiday from which

she did not return on the due date.

That was a wholly unrealistic approach to the facts. The employee left work on account of her pregnancy. She extended, by separate agreement, the statutory period regulating the date of her return to work, which fell squarely within the interpretation of section 48 approved in *Lavery v Plessey Telecommunications Ltd* (1983) ICR 374.

Once it was accepted that the case was a case of "return to work" the employee could not complain of unfair dismissal under section 55 because of the provisions of paragraph 6(2) of Schedule 2, and she was confined to her rights under section 56.

But she could not complain of unfair dismissal under section 56 for two reasons. First and primarily, she did not exercise her right to return to work in accordance with section 47, because she sought to return to work at a date later than that at which she was entitled so to do.

The second reason was that, because of her belief that she was entitled to prolong her maternity leave indefinitely provided she had the appropriate sick notes, she never gave notice under section 47(1) of the day on which she proposed to return to work.

Lord Justice Slade and Lord Justice Ralph Gibson agreed.

Solicitors: Fisher Meredith & Partners; Mr F. Strell.

Security for costs order was not appropriate

Aquila Design (GRB) Products Ltd v Cornhill Insurance plc
Before Lord Justice Fox and Mrs Justice Booth
(Judgment June 10)

Where an order for security for costs against a plaintiff company might result in oppression in that the plaintiff would be forced to abandon a claim which had a reasonable prospect of success, the court was entitled to refuse to make the order, notwithstanding that the plaintiff, if unsuccessful, would be unable to pay the defendant's costs.

The Court of Appeal so stated in dismissing an appeal by the defendant, Cornhill Insurance plc, from a decision of Judge Bennett, QC, sitting as a deputy High Court judge in chambers on November 21, 1986, whereby he allowed an appeal by the plaintiff, Aquila Design (GRB) Products Ltd, against an order for security for costs for £25,000 made by Mr District Registrar Harrison on September 3, 1986.

Mr Michael Ogden, QC and Mr Nigel Wilkinson for the defendant; Mr James Stewart, QC, for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE FOX said that the plaintiff was a limited company in liquidation and the defendant company had insured the plaintiff's factory and stock against fire.

On May 30, 1985 there was in fact a fire in which the plaintiff's factory was destroyed and there was substantial damage to stock and work in progress. The plaintiff asserted a claim under the policy for £150,000.

The defendant rejected the claim and alleged arson and breach of warranty in keeping inflammable material on the premises. The allegation of arson was that the plaintiff's managing director had either started the fire himself or turned a blind eye when it was started. The plaintiff was now insolvent and the action was brought by the liquidator.

The defendant sought security for costs under section 7 of the Companies Act 1985 which provided that if the plaintiff was a limited company and it ap-

peared by credible testimony that there was reason to believe that the plaintiff would be unable to pay the defendant's costs if the defence was successful, the court could require sufficient security to be given for those costs and might stay all proceedings until the security was given.

It was likely that the plaintiff would be unable to pay the defendant's costs if the action failed. There was no doubt therefore that the court had jurisdiction to order the plaintiff to make appropriate provision for security for costs in its discretion.

It was clear on the authorities that the court in exercising its discretion had to consider all the circumstances of the case and might ask whether the claim was bona fide and not a sham and whether the plaintiff had a reasonably good prospect of success.

The court would also consider whether the application for security was being used oppressively to stifle a genuine claim and whether the plaintiff's lack of means had been brought about by the defendant's conduct.

The court could not reach a conclusion as to the merits of the present case as the essential matters were all in dispute and

were matters for the trial. There was no reason to conclude that it was not a genuine claim.

The managing director had sworn an affidavit denying the allegation of arson and the police inquiries had not led them to believe that the fire had been started by any wilful act.

The managing director also stated in another affidavit that having regard to the relevant goods on the premises there was no breach of warranty.

As against that there were no details from the defendants of the basis for the arson claim or their reason for believing that the managing director was involved. It was open to the defendants not to disclose the evidence they intended to lead at the trial, but looking at the whole of the evidence it was not possible to conclude other than that there was a genuine claim.

The court had to take into account the facts that the defendant was a reputable insurance company and that the plaintiff had insured its factory against the risk of fire.

It was obviously crucial to the continuance of the plaintiff's business that if there was fire loss, it should be able to recoup that loss at an early date under the policy. Otherwise the business was likely to be seriously affected. It was with that in view

that a company entered into an insurance contract.

The defendant's refusal to pay had affected the plaintiff's business and had contributed to its financial problems which led to insolvency. But the court had to consider whether the action against the defendant of litigating against an insolvent plaintiff and the also the burden on the plaintiff of providing security with the result that it might have to abandon the action altogether and the danger of oppression.

The judge said the plaintiff's prospects of success were fifty-fifty and there was nothing at all to criticize in that. The defendant submitted that the judge had misdirected himself in that he had used for his conclusion that there should be no security for costs, the very reason that Parliament had given for ordering security, namely the inability to pay if the plaintiff lost.

However the plaintiff's impecuniosity was of consequence because an order for security might have possibly oppressive consequences and that was one of the circumstances which it was proper for the judge to take into account.

Mrs Justice Booth agreed. Solicitors: Stanleys & Simpson North; Walker Morris & Coles, Leeds.

Land use defence not available

Regina v Keays
Before Lord Justice Stephen Brown, Mr Justice Michael Davies and Mr Justice Schiemann
(Judgment June 15)

In criminal proceedings brought under section 89(5) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1971, relating to alleged use of land in contravention of an enforcement notice, where the defendant did not claim that the use of the land had changed since the issue of the enforcement notice, he was prevented by section 243 from raising by way of defence the argument that he was not in fact using the land in the way alleged in the enforcement notice, because in effect

that would be to challenge the validity of that notice.

The Court of Appeal so stated when dismissing an appeal by John Raymond Keays against his conviction on December 8, 1986 (on a plea of guilty which followed a ruling that there was a case to go to the jury) at Lewes Crown Court (Judge Cower, QC and a jury) of contravening the requirements of an enforcement notice. Sentence was deferred for six months.

Mr John Hobson, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr R. P. Lewis for the prosecutor.

LORD JUSTICE STEPHEN BROWN said that it was submitted that different situa-

tions might obtain at the time of the criminal charge from those which had obtained at the time of the issue of enforcement notices, and that possession of land had to be allowed to contest as a matter of fact that what he had on that land at the time of the charge was in breach and defiance of the enforcement notice.

However, in this case, their Lordships had come to the conclusion that the appellant was seeking effectively to question the validity of the enforcement notice, and the trial judge had ruled correctly that the position was covered by section 243.

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RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Flats to preserve our heritage

By Christopher Warman
Property Correspondent

The preservation of an elegant country house is a consummation devoutly to be wished, and it is a constant source of pleasure that so many do remain despite the loss of an equally large number through neglect or demolition.

There are, however, country houses that would not survive unless their function changed, for fewer families are large or rich enough to occupy them. Thus the need to alter their use, either as the prestigious headquarters of a company or split up to provide several homes instead of one.

This is a point picked up by Clarendon House Ltd, responsible for the conversion of Ramridge House at Weyhill, near Andover, Hampshire, and the agents, John D. Wood, of Winchester. They confirm the increasing trend towards the conversion of country houses into multiple apartments, and the increasing number of such houses coming on to the market, and suggest that they attract the younger retired customer.

While the newer "retirement" market continues to thrive, providing purpose-built homes for older people mainly in town and village centres, there is a different market for the younger, fit and healthy group, seeking a lifestyle allowing them to maintain the high standard of accommodation achieved in their working life and yet offering them independence from the responsibilities of maintenance and management that property ownership entails.

Clarendon House and John D. Wood put forward a scenario. For these people their work demands and the responsibilities of parenthood have probably frustrated their ambition for travel.

With this freedom at last, the benefits of multiple occupation in a country house are obvious — a spacious apartment in an elegant house, with an easy decision to depart at a moment's notice for the winter sun or summer on the Mediterranean without the worry of freeze-ups or knee-high grass on their return.

That is their introduction to Ramridge House, built by Robert Adam in 1779, and restored to provide nine apartments retaining the original features, in two



Georgian glory: Milford House, with views of the Solent and the Isle of Wight

acres of grounds. Most of the apartments have three bedrooms and two bathrooms and two or three reception rooms, and are for sale at £80,000 to £155,000. Two have been sold and two more are under offer, say the agents.

Belford Hall, an 18th-century Palladian villa near Bamburgh, one of Northumberland's finest stately homes, has been restored and converted by the Northern Heritage Trust with the Sainsbury family's Monument Historic Buildings Trust after lying derelict for 40 years.

The Hall was designed and built in

Formal opening by the Duke of Gloucester

1756 by the neo-Palladian architect James Paine, with two wings added in 1819. However, by 1983 it was in an advanced state of dereliction, unused since forming a temporary army post in the Second World War.

Little more than the walls, roofs and remnants of the interior survived, and the work, involving the complete renovation of the building, cost £2 million. The result is a conversion to 16 flats and houses containing one to four bedrooms and priced at £25,000 to £100,000. The building is to be formally opened on June 29 by the Duke of Gloucester, who visited it before work had started.

At the other end of the country, near Penzance and facing across the Cornish coast to St Michael's Mount, is Acton Castle, built in the late 18th century by John Wood the Younger, principal

architect of Bath at the time, whose father John Wood was responsible for many of the fine buildings in Bath.

The Grade II* listed building was latterly a hotel, but has now been converted into eight apartments, and again the emphasis is on practical luxury living within the historic castle, but retaining the original character.

Of the apartments, only the south wing, fitted as a show flat with a 38ft living area and two bedrooms, has been priced — at £92,500. The remainder, one of which has been sold, will cost £80,000-£85,000 and the conversion should be completed by Christmas. Details are available from Stinsons, of Truro.

Jackson & Jackson, of Lymington, Hampshire, note that conversions of large country houses into suitable living accommodation have never been more popular, attracting clients used to living in large houses who wish to move into something more manageable.

These agents are offering No 5 Milford House, at Milford on Sea, part of a conversion of a magnificent Georgian mansion. It is the south-west wing, giving views over the village to the Solent and the Isle of Wight, containing two main reception rooms, four bedrooms and two bathrooms and walled patio gardens. The agents are asking for offers around £250,000.

Another wing — this time the east wing of Bunce Court, near Lenham, Kent. The house dates from the 16th century, but the wing for sale was built in the Victorian period, of red brick. Until 1933 the house was the seat of the Bunce family, after which it became a school. The property has been totally modernized, and the wing has two reception rooms, five bedrooms and outbuildings. Strutt & Parker's Canterbury office is seeking offers around £195,000.

In Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, Mustow House, a Grade II listed town residence dating from the 16th and 17th centuries, has been refurbished and converted into four flats, retaining the period features. Two of them, the Dutch House and the Garden House, are for sale, each with two reception rooms, four bedrooms, and a courtyard garden, priced at around £115,000 and £125,000 respectively. Details are available from David Bedford, of Bury St Edmunds.

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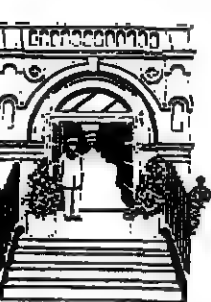
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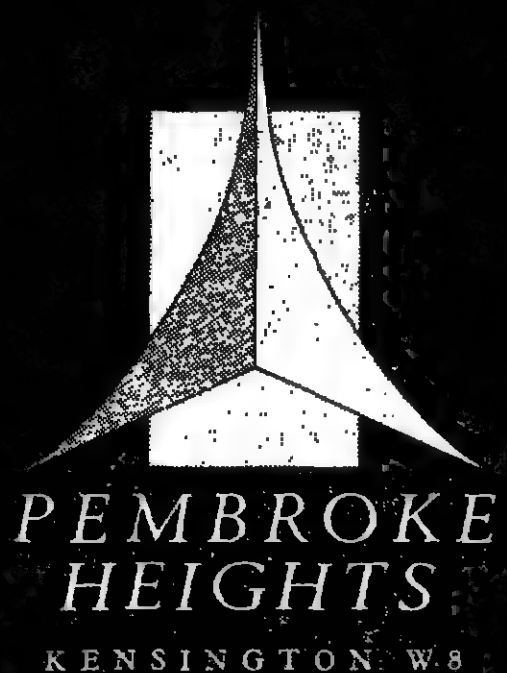
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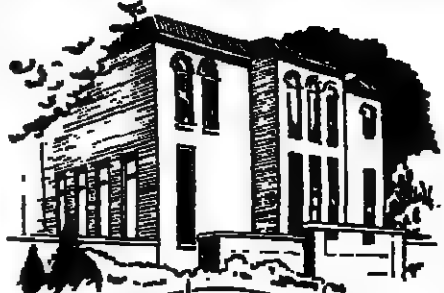
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Cricket Correspondent

BATH: Somerset (60pts) drew with Middlesex (7).

The last day of the first match of the Bath Festival is notable for the splendid persistence with which the umpires and ground staff tackled a constant succession of storms and Gating's strange reluctance to declare Middlesex's second innings. At the finish Somerset, having been left to make 236 in two hours, were 142 for one. For most of the day the rain was never far away, the heaviest of it delaying the start by 75 minutes.

Seven balls were bowled then, after which the pitch lay open to the elements. There was another two and a half overs before an early lunch was taken and nothing after that until 3.30. Every time the covers were taken off, down came the rain. When play was resumed again tea had been taken and with two and a half hours left Middlesex were 213 ahead. It looked a good moment for a declaration.

There was a chance if the sun shone, which it did from now on, that the ball would turn for the spinners. If not, Somerset would still have had to take risks to win. In the event Middlesex batted for another 17 minutes and 40 runs, and although, somewhat surprisingly, Edmonds and Embury found little turn, there was still never the remotest chance that Somerset would get anywhere near their target. I doubt whether they would have even with Richards and Botham as well as Crowe in their side.

As it was, there was time for Crowe to make a hundred off 108 balls (13 fours and two sixes) before, with 10 overs left, they had all had enough. Crowe was a well-known perfect exhibition of batting. Harry Sharpe, the old Middlesex player and now the Somerset, described it as "a privilege to watch".

Crowe came in after Wyatt had been bowled by the second ball of the Somerset innings, and scored his runs effortlessly and with new arrival in the Somerset, He was like Barry Richards at his best - utterly sound technically.

MIDDLESEX: First Innings 403 for 7 dec (M W Gating 196, W N Sack 54).

Second Innings

W N Sack 100 not out, 34

J D Carr 100 not out, 40

S P Hughes 100 not out, 40

Extras (5 b, 1 w, 4) 10

Total (2 wickets dec) 118

M W Gating, M A Roseberry, R D

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Crowdrey's aim is true to deny Essex victory off last ball

By Ivo Tennant

ILFORD: Essex (4pts) drew with Kent (5).

Essex came within a run of beating Kent in a splendid finish yesterday. Needing two off the last ball, Foster drove Penn firmly towards mid-off. The bowler parried the ball and Hinks threw down the stumps. However, both batsmen had made their ground and set off for the second. Crowdrey collected the ball and his shy from 10 yards beat Foster to the wicketkeeper's end.

Asked to score 232 in two hours and 45 minutes, Essex lost four overs to rain and with eight overs off the last 20 remaining, still needed 61. Pringle, who made an unbeaten 84, and Foster brought it down to eight from the final over, Essex had the consolation of gaining an extra eight points awarded to a side batting fourth and levelling the scores.

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Smith promises inquiry over Priest Hill decay

By John Goodbody

The Sports Council yesterday promised an immediate inquiry into the Priest Hill Sports Centre, the 90-acre site in the Surrey suburb of Ewell, which, as *The Times* revealed yesterday, has fallen into disrepair after five years of dereliction.

John Smith, the Council chairman, said: "We will quickly take action. It was the first time that I had heard personally about the centre, but because of its importance, we will look into it."

Nigel Hook, senior technical officer of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, said: "We feel Priest Hill is only the tip of the iceberg of unused sports facilities. The Government has given us a list of 5,000 acres of land that is registered for recreational purposes but which is now derelict."

Those acres include land given up by local education authorities forced to cut back on expenditure. These disclosures came at a time when Sebastian Coe, the vice-chairman of the Council, has appealed for greater dual use of sports facilities (for school sports halls to be opened to the public in leisure hours) and for redundant

agricultural land to be adapted for sport, such as golf courses.

The Priest Hill Centre comprises 30 hard tennis courts, 18 football, nine rugby and eight hockey pitches, nine cricket tables, sheltered facilities, three pavilions with offices and changing rooms, and two detached houses. Priest Hill has been empty since 1982, when the Inner London Education Authority decided against busing schoolchildren to the centre. ILEA has found that transporting children is both expensive and wastes the time with pupils often spending longer on buses than exercising.

The London and South East region of the Council and the CCPR have tried to have Priest Hill used by the local community and clubs, but without success. The centre now belongs to the London Residuary Body (LRB), set up by the Government to dispose of the Greater London Council's property. A spokesman for the LRB said: "We have appointed consultants to the site and will also be consulting with the Epsom and Ewell council and the regional Sports Councils."

"Sporting and leisure use is high on the agenda. We are concerned

that it will not be covered in houses. We are well aware of its possible use, but we only established our claims on it last year."

A spokesman for the Department of the Environment said that the Government could not discuss the specific example of Priest Hill.

A spokesman for the ILEA said it was "grossly inaccurate" of Nigel Hook to say that several others of the 10 sites bought by the ILEA in the 1950s were now not being used. He explained: "Apart from Priest Hill, which has not been in our possession since 1984, two other sites, Goresbrook in Dagenham and Oakfield in Redbridge, have been sold off. Seven are in use, although there is reduced demand at Warren Farm in Southall and the Prince Edward centre in Edgware."

The man most interested in acquiring access to Priest Hill is a local resident, Adrian Stonebridge, who wanted to set up a tennis centre specifically for juniors, a unique facility in Britain. Stonebridge, a professional coach, has watched in bewilderment as the 30 courts have deteriorated. A pavilion that he hoped to rent or buy has now developed holes in the roof



Wrack and ruin: Adrian Stonebridge, a tennis coach, who has helplessly seen Priest Hill slide into decay

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The dish Hoddle cannot resist

From Clive White

Monte Carlo

The *plat du jour* is unquestionably of British flavour. While Monaco and Paris St Germain wait with baited breath for Glenn Hoddle to make up his mind, Nantes yesterday gobbled up Maurice Johnston from Celtic for a £1 million fee that has become commonplace since French clubs began shopping with a vengeance in the international marketplace.

The French connection cannot be justified simply by career enhancement as in the way that a move to Italy or Spain can be. On the face of it the reasons seem to be just mercenary. Yet there is a gathering of international styles here in France that promises a *pièce de résistance* that the rest of Europe may find hard to match.

The furious competition between Monaco and Paris St Germain for the signature of Hoddle typifies the determination of French clubs to shake off their image as the poor relations of European club football. While the French national team has reached the semi-finals of the last two World Cups and carried off the European Championship, their club sides are best remembered for the glorious defeat of St Etienne against Bayern Munich in Glasgow 11 years ago.

Just as the foreign player became the fashionable commodity in England after the 1978 World Cup, so the French have voraciously hunted foreign talent in the last two or three years. Francescoli (Uruguay), Litkeisky and Forster (West Germany), van den Bergh (Belgium), Julio Cesar (Brazil), and Brown and Burruchaga (Argentina) are just a few of the players of international repute who have recently chosen to drop their playing standards for vastly increased living standards.

Nowhere is that contrast more strikingly evident than here at Monaco who are



Johnston: lured to France poised to complete a deal for two Englishmen that would break banks less hardy than Monte Carlo's.

Dr Jean Louis Campora, the club president, said that three major sponsorships and the sale of players such as Soren Lerby had helped finance the club but he denied that there was any financial support from the royal family, although Prince Albert, the 29-year-old son of Prince Ranier, is an avid supporter who trains with the players. To more detailed questions of finance he replied politely and repeatedly in broken English: "This is for my treasury."

Hoddle is being similarly secretive about his next move. His protracted transfer negotiations took a new twist here yesterday when it was claimed by Dennis Roach, Hoddle's agent, that Irving Scholar, the Tottenham Hotspur chairman, was making an effort to keep him at White Hart Lane.

Having sold Mark Hateley to Monaco last week, Roach is here to clinch the second leg of a £1.8 million double of the kind that the gamblers of Monte Carlo would heartily approve.

The last thing he would want, and Hoddle came to that, would be an unwelcome extension of his Tottenham career. Hoddle commented: "Irving knows it's time for me to move on."

Besides, he and Tottenham have agreed terms with Monaco. Not that that means much in the context of this saga. Hoddle's decision to change horses in mid-journey caught many people by surprise, not least the Paris club. Francescoli, the president, said: "Mr Roach told me that Hoddle would come to Paris on Monday. Nearly all contract details with the club and the player had been agreed. I feel that something is going on behind my back."

There is no disputing the fact that Hoddle, a supreme footballing entertainer, would feel very much at home at a club patronized by the likes of his fellow superstars, Boris Becker and Michele Alboreto, and in a city that knows how to reward star quality.

Anger at Sports Council's method

By Nicolas Soames

The Marial Arts Commission meets today to consider an independent inquiry findings of "vote rigging" by the MAC's former general secretary, David Mitchell.

With Mitchell on holiday in the Lake District and unavailable for comment, Barney Whelan, the MAC chairman, angrily criticized the Sports Council's handling of the inquiry.

"It is not right that I should find out about the inquiry's recommendations by reading them in a newspaper, particularly as I was given the undertaking that the report would be sent to the responsible bodies before its public release," Whelan said.

"Of course, the unification of karate in England must be the aim of all involved, but it won't be helped by a report handed in this manner," Whelan added. Refusing to comment on the main points of the report until "I have seen it myself and read it in full" he nevertheless said that his reaction was that "it will do no good at all to karate in Britain."

The proposal to set up a new English Karate Board of Control, which would take over the role of being the governing body from the English Karate Council, would, he added, serve only to deepen existing entrenched positions.

The report was welcomed by Mike Dinsdale, the chairman of the English Karate Board, which for the past three years has been outside the official governing body, the EKC, but which will be given official recognition if the Sports Council accepts the report's findings.

Navratilova and Becker face the big hitters

By Rex Bellamy, Tennis Correspondent

Boris Becker and Martina Navratilova, the singles champions, have drawn big, hard-fighting, but comparatively inexperienced, opponents in the first round of this year's Wimbledon Championships, which will begin on Monday. Becker plays Karel Novacek, of Czechoslovakia, who recently reached the quarter-finals in Paris, and Miss Navratilova meets the long-legged West German, Claudia Portwik, aged 18.

Novacek took a set from Eddie Edwards in last year's first round, and that result began to look respectable when Edwards beat Anders Jarryd in the next round. Miss Portwik was twice a first-round loser in the qualifying competition and the junior singles in turn. But in the championship doubles she and Bettina Bunge won two matches. Her forehands down the line impressed Miss Navratilova when they met in Paris last year.

Miss Navratilova's quarter of the draw includes the Malaya sisters, Barbara Potter, who has reached the quarter-finals three times, Betsy Nagelsen, who beat Pam Shriver last year, and the experienced Dianne Balesstrat. In the semi-final Miss Navratilova is scheduled to play Chris Evert, whose quarter includes Kathy Jordan and Helena Sukova. Both have beaten Miss Evert in grand-slam tournaments. Miss Jordan's first-round match

with Catarina Lindqvist looks as inviting as any.

In the other half of the draw the champion of Australia, Hana Mandlikova, twice runner-up at Wimbledon, is seeded to play Steffi Graf in a semi-final. If everything works out as it should, Miss Graf will first have to beat Gabriela Sabatini, who advanced to the semi-finals last year.

In the first round three of the 16 seeds will oppose British players: Miss Evert v Sara Gomer (a former partner), Mrs Mandlikova v Joanne Louis, and Miss Bunge v Clare Wood. For reasons too complicated to explain, Mrs Mandlikova (conventionally, Mrs Sedlak) has decided to use

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her married title with her maiden name. Becker will be less concerned about Novacek than he is about a likely fourth-round clash with either David Pate or Slobodan Zivojinovic, who took Ivan Lendl to five sets in a semi-final last year. With the intimidating bulk of Zivojinovic threatening him in the second round, Pate will do well to justify his seeding.

So will Emilio Sanchez. The Spaniard has been a first-round loser in his two previous challenges, and in the second round he is due to play Becker's Davis Cup partner, Eric Jelen. A year ago Jelen

beat Kevin Curren, Marty Davis and Pate.

Curren, the 1985 runner-up, is scheduled to play Lendl in the fourth round, which will not be of much comfort to either of them. Other interesting pairings predicted for the same round are Pat Cash v Yannick Noah and Jimmy Connors v Tim Mayotte. Of the three Swedes seeded, two have drawn comparisons in the first round: Stefan Edberg v Stefan Eriksson and Joakim Nystrom v Henrik Sundstrom.

The other seeded Swede, Mats Wilander, is in an eighth of the draw that will contain at least five other Swedes (perhaps more, depending on what happens in the qualifying competition).

The last eight men will supposedly line up as follows: Becker v Connors, Wilander v Noah, McEir v Edberg and Gomez v Lendl. The corresponding women's pairings should be: Navratilova v Manuela Maleeva, Evert v Sukova, Shriver v Mandlikova and Sabatini v Graf.

The scheduled doubles finals are Forget and Noah v Annacott and Van Rensburg (the holders), Nystrom and Wilander, are seeded fifth; Navratilova and Shriver v Graf and Sabatini; and Miss Jordan and Flach v Miss Navratilova and McNamee. Miss Navratilova is again going for the maximum three titles

Graf is no longer green on grass

Steffi Graf, the French champion and world No. 2, is remarkably modest. The West German has offered no bold predictions about winning Wimbledon for the first time but, having studied the draw, she said: "The early rounds look good for me."

"Martina Navratilova will be much more determined to win Wimbledon again after losing to me in Paris. And, of course, it will be more difficult for me on grass than on the clay in France."

Miss Graf does admit, however, that her grass-court game is improving. She has been practising for nearly four hours a day at Wimbledon in preference to playing at Eastbourne and says she is beginning to enjoy the surface.

"I am coming in more and more to volley," she said. "It has not been natural for me in the past, but I am learning quickly. And my service is much improved."

Miss Graf, unbeaten in 39 matches this year, reached the last 16 of Wimbledon in both 1984 and 1985 but did not play last year because she was ill. Her last match on centre court was three years ago, when she lost 9-7 in the third set to Jo Durie, then the British No. 1.

Miss Graf, seeded second, meets Adriana Villagran, of Argentina, in the first round and is likely to play her close friend, Gabriela Sabatini, in the semi-final if form works out.

Both Miss Navratilova and Chris Evert are in the top half, which should help the young German as she makes her first serious attempt for the title.

Evert challenge not enough to inspire Gomer

By Barry Wood

The bitter truth found Sara Gomer before she stepped out to play Dianne Balesstrat in the Pilkington Glass tournament at Eastbourne yesterday. She knew that next week at Wimbledon she would face Chris Evert in the first round.

"I didn't want to know the draw before I played, but someone told me so there was nothing I could do about it," she said after losing 7-5, 6-1, to the experienced Australian. "I'm disappointed because I was looking forward to winning a couple of rounds. I hope I'll put in a good performance next week and I'll take it point by point."

Miss Gomer has never played on any of the show courts at the All-England club, and draws consolation from the knowledge that she will now get the chance. "I would like the match to be played on the centre court. It would be one of the best days of my life," she said. "I'll go out there to enjoy it and take from it what I can. It's all good experience."

Following Miss Gomer's defeat, Anne Hobbs is the only home representative in the third round of the tournament. She took 3hr 10min to overcome Laura Garrone, a former world junior champion, 7-5, 4-6, 9-7.

It was a match of true British nail-biting tradition. "Doing a Virginia" she said of her close first round match, and it applied equally to her second-round contest. She began strongly, although appearing a little over-eager at times, and lapsed to trail 4-0 in the second set. Although

raising the crowd's hopes with a fight-back to 4-4, she conceded the set and then lost four match points at 6-5 before eventually tying up the match.

"My concentration was in and out but you have days like that. I didn't play flowing tennis but I hung in there and every now and then I played well," Miss Hobbs said. Kathy Jordan, aged 27, is a familiar name at British grass court events but the American has fallen on hard times lately. A series of injuries have restricted her tournament appearances since the US Open and her ranking has fallen out of the top 30. Coming back is difficult, as her 6-2, 6-4 defeat by Elizabeth Minter showed yesterday.

However, there are many with fond memories of Jordan's association with Anne Smith, with whom she won a doubles grand slam, and they are playing together again at Eastbourne. RESULTS: Singles First round: C Tanner (Fr) b H Her (US), 6-2, 6-7, 6-4. Second round: C Lindqvist (Swe) b D Van Rensburg (SA), 6-4, 6-0. L Savarenko (USSR) b A Kuznetsov (USSR), 6-3, 6-3. B Bunge (WG) b N Zverev (USSR), 6-7, 6-0, 7-5. A Hobbs (GB) b L Garrone (It), 7-5, 6-4. H Sabatini (It) b P Casale (US), 6-2, 6-1. R White (US) b G Fernandez (P.R.), 6-2, 7-5. I Demangeat (Fr) b A Minter (Aus), 4-6, 7-5, 6-4. E Minter (Aus) b K Jordan (US), 6-2, 6-4. W White (US) b R Raggi (It), 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. E Smyke (Aus) b A McEir (GB), 6-3, 6-1. S Evert (US) b S Bondar (US), 6-1, 6-1. D Sabatini (US) b S Gomer (GB), 7-5, 6-1.

Unification bout

Santos Laciar, of Argentina, the World Boxing Council super-flyweight champion, will fight Sugar Baby Rojas, of Colombia, in Miami on August 8. Rojas is the World Boxing Association super-flyweight title-holder.

Lancashire apology for Simmons

By Martin Seabury

Lancashire have apologized to Yorkshire for the astonishing outburst by their senior professional, Jack Simmons, who accused Stuart Fletcher of cheating shortly after the end of the Roses match at Old Trafford.

Eddie Stanger, Lancashire's cricket chairman, said yesterday: "No one knew that Jack was playing under tremendous pressure after his mother died last Friday, but that is no excuse. We have told Yorkshire we regret his comments and asked them to take the circumstances into account."

Yorkshire were hanging on grimly to avoid a substantial defeat when Fletcher, aged 23, stood his ground after an appeal for a catch at silly point off Simmons's bowling. The umpire, David Evans, turned it down and Yorkshire saved the game.

"It was not even debatable," Simmons said. "I can't understand how a player can stand there like that or the umpire not give it. I don't want to play cricket with people like that; he's just a cheat."

Fletcher said: "I didn't know whether I hit and neither did the umpire."

Despite the apology, things are not likely to end there, with Evans certain to report the matter to Lord's and the Test and County Cricket Board obliged to act in view of such a blatant breach of decent conduct, whatever the reason. The worst aspect was that an excellent day's cricket was negated by the aftermath, which once again illustrated that players, however senior, cannot abide by the umpires' decisions.

Shastri twice calms fluttering hearts

By Jack Bailey

CARDIFF: Warwickshire (ops) drew with Glamorgan (4).

The fifth ball of the penultimate over saw Shastri hit Gifford high to long off where Pierson stretched the full length of his 6ft 4in frame and caught an almost certain six way above his head. With that catch went Glamorgan's last chance of winning an exciting match which reflected great credit on both teams. Glamorgan had been set 211 to win from 40 overs and were only 21 short when Barick, the last man successfully played out the last over.

Until then, Glamorgan had been kept in the hunt by a fine 67 by Morris and a second

scintillating innings from Shastri. Especially high marks are due to Gifford, not only for his five for 71, but the way he kept the game open. He used Pierson's off-spin in tandem with himself almost throughout Glamorgan's second innings and kept his nerve while first Morris, then Shastri, then Thomas laid about them. Men with lesser nerve - or experience - would have brought back the quicker bowlers long since.

Play leading up to Warwickshire's declaration was also full of interest. Would Glamorgan avoid following on? Gifford, who had been rubbing his hands in anticipation as sunshine fol-

lowed the previous evening's rain, was the natural man to spring Warwickshire's attempt to take six wickets before Glamorgan scored the 51 runs needed.

After Holmes had left early to the ever-eager Donald, faint hearts were aflutter; and when a spell of 29 balls brought Gifford three wickets for two runs, there was more cause for concern. The occasional ball turned and lifted but Shastri had demonstrated that there was no real devil in the wicket. His judicious blend of impishness and defence and all out attacks served his side well, and by the time he became the third of Gifford's victims, Glamorgan were assured of

having another bowl at Warwickshire.

Glamorgan's declaration at lunchtime, with the last two available batsmen at the wicket, and with their arrears standing at 125, was followed by brisk batting from Lloyd and Moles, while Thomas, bowling off a shortened run and from round the wicket, picked up two victims despite doubts about the fitness of his ankle - which will cause him to miss Glamorgan's next game at home.

WARWICKSHIRE: First Innings 383 (A C Stone 56 not out, G J Parsons 55, D L Amess 44, TG W Humphage 55, J G Thomas 6 for 109).

Second Innings: 28 A J Lloyd c Barick b Shastri 28 A J Moles not out 34 D L Amess c Shastri b Thomas 10 D L Amess c Shastri b Thomas 8 P A Smith not out 6 Extras (lb 10, lb 6, w 2, nb 1) 19 Total (8 wickets dec) 88

100 W Humphage, A C Stone, G J Parsons, A R K Pierson, A A Donald and N Gifford did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-61, 2-63, 3-77, 4-109, 5-182, 6-182, 7-193, 8-227.

BOWLING: Thomas 10-1-26-2, Shastri 6-2-40-4, Barick 4-0-11-1, Pierson 13-5-20-1.

GLAMORGAN: First Innings 22

J A Hopkins c and b Parsons 22 H Morris c Moles b Donald 49

G J Thomas c and b Donald 49 M P Maynard c Stone b Moles 32

A C Gifford c Humphage b Gifford 46 A Gifford c Stone b Gifford 40

J G Thomas c Amess b Gifford 10 J G Thomas c Amess b Gifford 10

TC P Pierson c Amess b Pierson 17 J G Thomas not out 12

SR Barwick not out 12 Extras (lb 20, lb 5, w 1, nb 1) 26 Total (8 wickets dec, 98 overs) 228

M Cann did not bat.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1-12, 2-58, 3-110, 4-164, 5-182, 6-182, 7-193, 8-227.

BOWLING: Donald 20-4-45-2, Smith 11-4-37-0, Gifford 32-12-50-3, Parsons 18-4-36-1, Moles 4-1-15-1, Pierson 13-5-20-1.

Second Innings: 5 J A Hopkins c Parsons b Gifford 5 G C Gifford c Humphage b Pierson 8

M P Maynard c Thomas b Pierson 8 J A Gifford c Pierson b Gifford 51

P A Conley b Gifford 51 D L Amess c Pierson b Donald 6

J G Thomas c Pierson b Donald 6 TC P Pierson not out 6

S R Barwick not out 6 Extras (lb 3, lb 2, w 3, nb 3) 9 Total (8 wickets) 150

FALL OF WICKETS

Needy of Newport

Newport County were given another fortnight to settle their debts by Mr Justice Harman in the High Court yesterday, but the fourth division club's future is bleak after their local council offered £100,000 when they need at least £300,000.

Alan Darlow, the club chairman, said: "We put five packages to save the club to the council. They ignored them all and produced their own, which is of little help to us at this stage."

Packed Lord's MCC have already banked £360,000 for tomorrow's second Test at Lord's, with tickets sold out for Friday and Saturday. Gate-takings on the three other days will leave the Lord's Tests receipts of last year further behind.



Imran Khan: Indian summer

Torbay boost

The Interceptor America's Cup syndicate, headed by Warwick Collins, received a boost when the Torbay council granted outline planning permission to Royal Torbay yacht club for a marina and 12-metre racing complex at Brisham. The syndicate expects to announce plans for the construction of a radical David Holtom-design 12-metre before September.

Benefit bash

Pakistan and India will play a limited-overs match for Imran Khan's benefit fund with Sussex at Huddersfield on June 30. The Pakistan captain hopes Kapil Dev, Sunil Gavaskar, Ravi Shastri, Dilip Vengsarkar and Mohinder Amarnath will be included in the Indian XI.

Real match

Everton, the League champions, will play Real Madrid, their Spanish counterparts, at the Bernabeu stadium on August 26 in a friendly.

Top-spin drive

The Albert Hall stages a proletrarian tennis tournament for muscular dystrophy on Friday, featuring Johan Kriek, Tim Mayotte, John Lloyd, Terry Wogan, Richard Branson and John Francome. Pat Cash and Jimmy Connors also will help the attempt to raise at least £60,000.

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